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Some Members of the American Christian Convention in Quadrennial Session at Haverhill, Mass., October 9-15, 1894.

Rev. Alva H. Morrill, D.D.,
President American Christian Convention.

Rev. Alva H. Morrill, D.D., was born in Grafton, New Hampshire, June 7, 1848, being the son of Rev. W. S. and Minerva T. Morrill. Thus he was reared in faithful Christian surroundings, whose effects have been visible under widely varying influences in later life. He was converted in Marlow, New Hampshire, at the age of seventeen years. In 1868 he graduated from the Christian Institute at Andover and Wolfborough. With high honors, he graduated from Dartmouth College in 1872. In August, 1870, he preached his first sermon at Tuftonboro, New Hampshire. He entered on his duties as pastor of the church at Rye, New Hampshire, in April, 1872. He remained there three years. He was ordained in July, 1872. While pastor at Rye he was married to Miss E. T. Hubbard, of Wells, Maine. In 1875 he became principal of the Proctor Academy, and preached for the churches of Hill and Springfield. In 1878 he became pastor of the church at

Marion, Indiana, but the same year accepted the position of professor of New Testament Greek in the Christian Biblical Institute at Stanfordville, New York. There his learning, industry, and remarkable abilities gave him great influence over the young men graduating from that institution, which influence continues to the present time. While professor at Stanfordville he was most of the time pastor of the church there, and secured the erection of an elegant new church building. He was also an energetic worker for temperance, and exerted a marked power for good in that section of country. More than once the Prohibition party asked him to be their candidate for civil office. Probably in 1893, he closed his long labors at the Christian Biblical Institute to become principal of Starkey Seminary at Eddytown, New York, where his administration attracted attention to the school; but the financial sacrifices were more than he could continue, and he became pastor of the church at Haverhill, Massachusetts, shortly before the American Christian Convention was held with the church there. A few months ago he resigned his pastorate at that place. During the session of the Convention he was elected its president, and still holds that office. He is also secretary of the Christian Publishing Association, and holds other positions of trust among the Christians. He is a very able preacher, and among temperance orators has few equals. He has wonderful activity, is in the very prime of life, is devoted to his duties, and is an earnest follower of Jesus.

J. J. SUMMERBELL.

A Brief Statement of the History and Doctrine of the Christian Denomination.

By Rev. Alva H. Morrill, D.D., President American Christian Convention.

THE denomination which, for nearly a century, has taken "Christian" as its only name, is a union of three separate movements in somewhat remote sections of our country, near the beginning of the present century.

The earliest of the three arose in North Carolina, in which Rev. James O'Kelley was the principal leader; and was the result of dissatisfaction with an episcopal form of government in the Methodist Church. The withdrawal from that church was made in Manakin Town, North Carolina, December 25, 1793. At first they took the name of "Republican Methodists," but soon changed to the name "Christian" only, and acknowledged no head over the church save Christ, and no creed but the Bible.

Dr. Abner Jones, a member of the Baptist church in Hartland, Vermont, after having carefully studied the subject of creeds and

sectarian names, resolved to withdraw from the Baptists, and to advocate Christian character and true piety as the only test of fellowship, ignoring human creeds and names. He gathered a church at Lyndon, Vermont, in September, 1800, and another two years later at Bradford, in the same state, and still a third in March, 1803, at Piermont, New Hampshire. These churches were founded upon the principles which are accepted as fundamental by the churches of the denomination to-day.

The western movement had its origin among the Presbyterians, and resulted from an extensive revival in Kentucky and Tennessee. An organization known as the "Springfield Presbytery," composed of those who had withdrawn from the Presbyterian denomination, after a brief existence was dissolved in 1804.

Each of these movements, without the knowledge of the other, though having their origin in different denominations, adopted substantially the same general polity. To-day the aggregate of these united bodies is about 120,000 communicants. As they are largely a rural people, though having quite a respectable number of city churches, their growth has been somewhat slow, while in New England many country churches have ceased to exist because of the movement of population to business centers.

While the denomination has no acknowledged creed but the Bible, and while its highest ecclesiastical body, the "American Christian Convention," does not put forth any authorized statement of belief, yet the churches and ministers composing it are well agreed as touching certain principles which have ever been regarded as fundamental principles of the body, so that it may be confidently affirmed that there is uniformity of teaching.

First. The Bible as our only creed, an all-sufficient rule of faith and practice touching the Christian life.

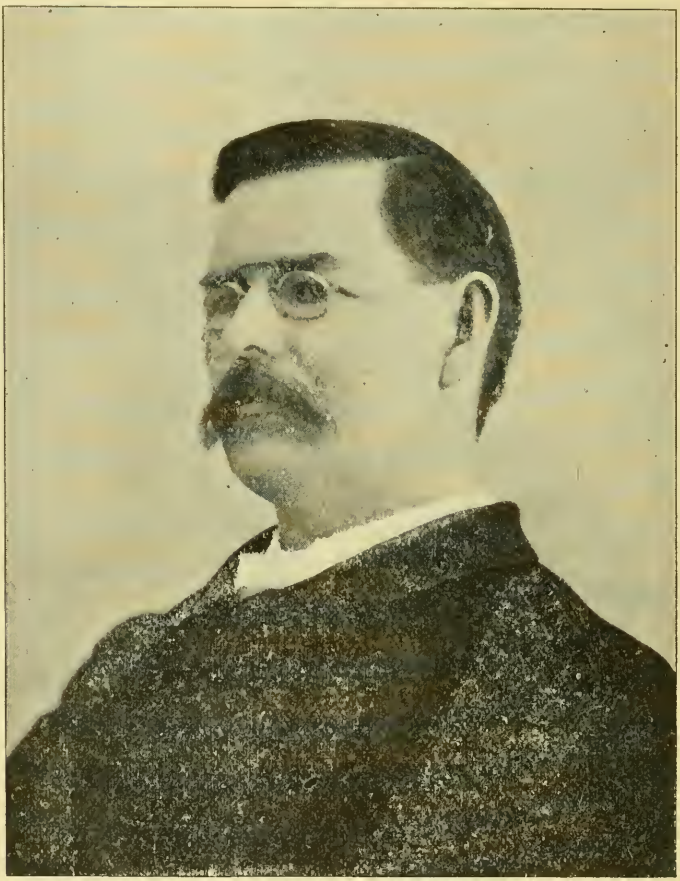
Second. The name "Christian," given first to the disciples at Antioch (in Syria), the most appropriate name for those who believe in Christ.

Third. Christian character, manifested in a life consecrated to Christ and his service, our only test of Christian and church fellowship.

Fourth. The union of all the followers of Christ.

Fifth. The right and duty of private judgment in the interpretation of the Scriptures.

Holding to these principles, they offer a basis for the union of all the followers of Christ so broad as to include all whom Christ receives, so narrow as to exclude all whom he rejects, while at the same time seeking in communion with all Christians the salvation of men at home and abroad, and helping to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. In short, the denomination seeks to exalt the *essentials:* to magnify the things Christ magnified, and to discard those things which to-day divide the followers of our Lord.



Rev. J. F. Burnett, Secretary American Christian Convention.

Rev. John Franklin Burnett was born in Adams County, Ohio, near Manchester, April 16, 1851; was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Turner, a niece of Elder G. W. Mefford, September 8, 1870, and was baptized the same year by Rev. C. W. Garoutte, at Ripley, Ohio. A few years later he moved to Higginsport, Ohio, and united with the Christian Church of that place. The writer of this sketch being then his pastor, at once discovered in "Johnny" the evident struggles of latent powers, which, if let loose and properly directed, would soon exchange the adz for the pen, the truss-hoops for the binding forces of the gospel, and leap from the cooper-shop to the pulpit. The matter was presented to the church in due time, and with unanimous voice he was commended at once to conference for licentiate membership. Upon this commendation he joined the Southern Ohio Christian Conference at Ripley in 1877. He was ordained to the full

work of the gospel ministry at Bethlehem Church in 1879, Elders G. W. Mefford, William Pangburn, and J. P. Daugherty officiating. He was elected clerk of the conference at Russellville, Ohio, in 1880. He served the Ohio State Christian Association as secretary of Sunday schools, and later as secretary of the Association for many years. He was elected secretary of Sunday schools for the American Christian Convention at Marion, Indiana, in 1890. In 1894, at Norfolk, Virginia, he was elected secretary *pro tem.* of the American Christian Convention, and in October of the same year was elected secretary of the Convention. While living in Clermont he served the county two years as president of the Sunday-School Union. Since located in Eaton, Ohio, he has served Preble County one year in a like capacity, and also one year as president of the Bible Society.

The subject of our sketch has filled all these responsible places with an efficiency seldom, if ever, excelled, and still serves in many of the more important trusts of the Christian Church with credit to himself and with honor to the several interests he so ably represents. Besides, he is the senior editor of the *Living Christian*, and also the honored pastor of the Christian Church at Eaton, Ohio. As to his opportunities for education, with no earthly college doors opened to him, he went forth from the public schools of his native county, with Bible in hand, to study divine classics from the star-spangled dome of God's celestial college and to catch and utilize the richest treasures of thought from the object lessons of experience and observation upon the campus of nature's university. Hence his life presents the seeming anomaly of an educated self-made man in the most important sense, having but little need of a college diploma to open his way to fields of usefulness. In a qualified sense, he was born a grammarian, a formulator, an organizer, a public speaker, an orator, a preacher of the gospel in faith and verity, seeming always to be the right man in the right place. To know him is but to love him. J. P. DAUGHERTY.

Educate the Children.

IN the present age it is possible for every parent to educate his children, and the parent who does not do it is certainly not doing his duty in behalf of his child. He who educates his child gives him an estate that is more valuable than a farm or bank stock or railroad shares, an estate that he can never lose, that can never be given for lawyers' fees; something that is a continuous source of pleasure, profit, and usefulness; something that is only increased by use.—*O. B. Whitaker.*

Do You Read a Church Paper?

IF you are not reading a church paper you are neglecting a great means of grace, and it is your duty at once to subscribe for one. Why not have a religious paper in your home as well as a secular? Did you ever see the *Herald of Gospel Liberty?* If not, send for a sample copy.

The American Christian Convention.

By Rev. J. F. Burnett, Secretary, Eaton, Ohio.

THE Christians began holding general meetings as early as 1819, and met annually until 1831. The meetings were presided over at different times by Elders John Rand, Mark Fernald, Daniel Hix, John Spoor, Harvey Sullings, David Millard, and Benjamin Taylor. In 1820 the meeting was held at Windham, Connecticut, and convened October 28. The main work of this meeting seems to have been the collecting and preparation of material for the Christian Register, which, in 1821, contained the names of those present and a list, so far as could then be obtained, of the ministers and churches by States. Robert Foster was secretary of this meeting. At the meeting of October, 1819, Elder Frederick Plummer and Dr. Rogers Huntingdon were appointed to obtain calendar for an annual register, for the use and benefit of those who were in Christian fellowship. From 1831 the meetings had an interim of three years, and have, since 1834, been held quadrennially. The last meeting was at Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 9-15, 1894, was largely attended, and very much was accomplished.

The record of 1866 begins as follows: "Minutes of the United States Quadrennial Christian Convention, convened at Marshall, Michigan." To this convention a committee on organization made report, recommending the adoption of a constitution, which begins as follows: "This organization shall be styled the American Christian Convention," and the minutes of that session read: "The above report of the committee was taken up article by article, and finally adopted as a whole, as above recorded." The question of incorporation was discussed at the Oshawa Convention in 1870, and fully disposed of at a special session held at Troy, Ohio, in June, 1872. September 21, 1874, incorporation papers were issued by Paul H. Williams, recorder of Hamilton County, Ohio.

The Convention consists of the following departments: Educational, missionary, publishing, financial, Sabbath-school, and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Each department is managed by a secretary, subject to the decision of the Convention or its Executive Committee.

The membership of the Convention is composed of the presidents of our colleges and one trustee of the Biblical School, presidents of conferences and associations, and delegates elected by conferences, one for each five hundred members or fractional part thereof.

THE WORK.

The spirit and purpose of the Convention are non-sectarian, and its work is to carry forward the gospel of Jesus Christ, unfettered by ecclesiasticism and sectarian bigotry. Its missionary and church-extension interests are rapidly de-

veloping and materializing in city missions, home and foreign laborers, church buildings, and increased contributions.

OFFICERS.

President.

Rev. Alva H. Morrill, D.D., Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Convention Secretary.

Rev. J. F. Burnett, Eaton, Ohio.

Vice-Presidents.

New England—Rev. I. H. Coe, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The South—Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D., Elon College, North Carolina.

New York, with New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ontario—Rev. Myron Tyler, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Ohio, with Kentucky—Rev. Albert Dunlap, Columbus, Ohio.

Indiana, Illinois, and Southern Peninsula of Michigan—Rev. Dally Powell, Wingate, Indiana.

Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and the Northwest—Rev. T. W. Howard, Winterset, Iowa.

Kansas, Missouri, and the Southwest—Rev. John Whitaker, D.D., LL.D., Weaubleau, Missouri.

Department Secretaries.

Department of Education—Rev. M. Summerbell, D.D., Ph.D., Lewiston, Maine.

Department of Finance—Hon. F. A. Palmer, New York, New York.

Department of Missions—Rev. J. G. Bishop, Dayton, Ohio.

Department of Publishing—Rev. J. F. Ullery, Conneaut, Ohio.

Department of Sunday Schools—Rev. C. A. Tillinghast, Stanfordville, New York.

Department of Christian Endeavor—Rev. P. A. Canada, Albany, New York.

Trustees.

(The trustees were elected in 1890 at Marion, Indiana.) Rev. C. A. Tillinghast, N. W. Crouse, Rev. D. M. Helfinstine, Rev. A. Godley, O. H. Keller, M. O. Adams, Isaac Hewitt, Alexander Savage.

AUTHORIZED COLLECTIONS.—Educational, second Sunday in March; Home Mission, second Sunday in June; Foreign Mission, second Sunday in September; American Christian Convention, second Sunday in December. The Sunday schools are requested to take a collection annually for the benefit of the Sunday-School Department.

APPROVED OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.—Education; Missions, home and foreign; the Convention itself; the Sunday-School Department; Aged Ministers' Relief Fund.

The Convention has on its lists 1304 churches, and about 1300 ministers. The entire membership of these churches is more than a hundred thousand.

HOW AND WHERE TO SEND MONEY.—Send by bank check, draft, registered letter, or post-office money order. Send money for Convention purposes to J. F. Burnett, Secretary, who will send receipt, make due credit on the books, and deposit the amount in the Convention treasury, to be drawn out on orders signed by the President and the Secretary. Persons not situated

so as to contribute with churches are requested to send personal contributions direct to the Secretary.

MINISTERIAL BUREAU.—Churches and ministers may be supplied with a list of changes desired in pastoral service by applying to the Secretary, and all churches desiring changes and ministers seeking new fields as pastors are requested to notify the Secretary, so that his lists may be kept correct. Ministers who make engagements upon the information furnished will please notify the Secretary, that their names may be discontinued from these lists.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES.—Independent churches are invited to cooperate with the Convention in carrying forward the gospel untrammeled by creeds and unfettered by religious bigotry. Persons so located as not to be able to contribute with churches are requested to remember the Convention collections with individual contributions.

YEARLY REPORT.

The Convention books for the year from October 1, 1895, to September 29, 1896, warrant the following report:

From October 1, 1895, to September 29, 1896. Whole amount:

Educational purposes	$1,158 73	
Educational purposes last year	722 37-	$436 36
Home missions	3,207 90	
Home missions last year	3,093 05-	114 85
Foreign missions	1,002 17	
Foreign missions last year	1,507 47-	505 30
A. C. C	920 67	
A. C. C. last year	684 44-	236 23
Sunday schools	68 75	
Sunday schools last year	100 93-	32 18
C. B. I	51 66	
C. B. I. last year	42 00-	9 66
Norfolk		
Norfolk last year	129 89-	129 89
Aged Ministers' Relief Fund	109 21	
Aged Ministers' R. F. last year	2 00-	107 21
Franklinton	408 06	
Franklinton last year	154 22-	253 84
Missions	5 00	
Missions last year	7 00-	2 00
Miss Penrod's salary	5 00	
Miss Penrod's salary last year	50 00-	45 00
U. C. College		
U. C. College last year	1 15-	1 15
Bible woman in Japan	55 00	
Bible woman in Japan last year	51 00-	4 00
Tokio church building	44 91	
Tokio church building last year	8 68-	36 23
Japan missions		
Japan missions last year	2 68-	2 68
Le Grand	4 00	
Le Grand last year	11 89-	7 89
W. B. F. M		
W. B. F. M. last year	7 00-	7 00
Nebraska sufferers	4 00	
Nebraska sufferers last year	35 28-	31 28
Building in Tokio, Japan	57 36	
Building in Tokio, Japan, last yr.	1,289 76-	1,232 38
Piqua, Ohio		
Piqua, Ohio, last year	34 51-	34 51
Raleigh, N. C.		
Raleigh, N. C., last year	5 00-	5 00
Bogle Street, Fall River		
Bogle Street, Fall River, last year	6 75-	6 75
Starkey	180 55	
Starkey last year	-	180 55
Lincoln	1 00	
Lincoln last year	-	1 00
Maple Temple, Raleigh, N. C.	5 00	
Maple Temple, Raleigh, N. C., last year	-	5 00
Additional missionary	10 00	
Additional missionary last year	-	10 00
Whole amount for all purposes	7,298 97	
Whole am't for all purp. last yr.	7,947 07-	648 10
Whole No. contributions	1,890	
Whole No. contributions last year	1,458	432

The following is a statement of personal gifts for the purposes named:

	No.	*Am't.*
Educational remittances	61	$128 12
Home mission remittances	42	125 10
Foreign mission remittances	38	118 33
A. C. C. remittances	50	97 25
Sunday-school remittances	4	4 50
Franklinton remittances	16	74 10
Starkey remittances	16	63 95
Aged Ministers' R. F. remittances	4	105 00
H. C. McCortney remittances	2	2 00
Nebraska sufferers remittances	2	2 00
C. B. I. remittances	1	1 00
Lincoln remittances	1	1 00
Whole number personal gifts this year.	237	
Whole amount personal gifts this year.		$722 35

Note.—Last year we received from

all sources for the Convention $951.-63, but only $684.44 from the collections. Of the amount reported this year, all but $50 has come from public contributions. We have a gain this year in the A. C. C. funds of $186.33.

Note.—It will be seen that Educational, Home Missions, and the Convention's funds have been increased over last year; also Franklinton and Starkey, and that, too, in the year of unheard-of hard times. One hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-eight cents were given last year for purposes for which there has been no call whatever this year, and for the building in Tokio, Japan, last year there was given $1,289.76, and this year only $57.36. It will also be seen that we received four hundred and thirty-two more contributions this year than last. This of itself is a great success, and indicates a healthy growth and a ripening interest in our work. If we could just be content to work our plans, instead of everlastingly planning, we would accomplish something after awhile. Every dollar raised by churches or given by individuals should be represented on the Convention books and go through the Convention treasury.

CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Article I.

This organization shall be styled "The American Christian Convention."

Article II.

The business of the Convention shall be to arrange, direct, or transact such matters as may be thought proper and necessary, in connection with, and for the furtherance of, the interests and honor of the cause of Christ.

Article III.

The officers of the Convention shall consist of a president, a secretary of the Convention, and one secretary for each department hereinafter provided for (all of whom shall be chosen by ballot for the term of four years, and until their successors are chosen), and eight vice-presidents, who shall have that office by virtue of being presidents of district conventions.

Article IV.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside in all meetings of the Convention and Executive Board.

Article V.

In the absence of the President at any meeting, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

Article VI.

The Secretary shall faithfully note and record all the doings of the Convention, and of the Executive Board.

Article VII.

The Convention shall consist of the following named departments, namely: 1. Missionary and Church Extension; 2. The Educational; 3. The Publishing; 4. The Sabbath-school; 5. Treasury Department. Each department shall have an appropriate secretary, who shall have supervision thereof, subject to the control of the Executive Board hereinafter named.

Article VIII.

The Executive Board shall consist of the President and the six secretaries above named, whose duty it shall be to carry out any measure determined on by the Convention, and any other measure which it may deem necessary and

proper; and each secretary shall, not less than one month prior to every regular meeting of the Convention, make a written or printed report of the doings of his department, accompanied with recommendations, which, on the opening of the Convention, the President shall lay before it, together with a like report and recommendations made by himself to the Convention.

Article IX.

The Secretary of the Treasury shall keep and invest funds belonging to the Convention, subject only to be drawn by a vote of the Convention or Executive Board; in either case the order to bear the sanction and signature of the President and Secretary of the Convention. He shall give bonds to the acceptance of the Executive Board. All funds, whether from bequests, donations, or otherwise, shall be paid out under direction of the Executive Committee, unless the object of the donation be designated by the donor.

Article X.

The members of this Convention shall be composed of, first, presidents of our colleges and one trustee of our Biblical School; second, presidents of our conferences; third, presidents of state associations; fourth, each conference may be represented by one minister and one lay delegate for each five hundred members, or a fractional part thereof. Said delegates shall be elected by the conference at its session next preceding the meeting of this Convention, or appointed by its executive committee, or in such other way as the conference may determine.

Article XI.

SECTION 1. This Convention shall have charge of, and shall control, its missionary and church-extension, educational, publishing, and Sabbath-school enterprises.

SEC. 2. Said Convention shall, at its quadrennial meeting, elect by ballot eight persons, who, with the President and Secretary of this Convention, and the five secretaries of the five departments, as provided for in Article VII., shall constitute a board of fifteen trustees; the last seven shall, *ex officio*, be members of said board; the President of the Convention, by virtue of his office, shall be president thereof.

SEC. 3. Said trustees shall be elected and serve for the term of four years, or until their successors are elected, unless removed by death or for cause, or shall resign; in either case said Board of Trustees shall have power to fill, by election by ballot, any vacancy so created.

SEC. 4. Seven of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 5. The meetings of said Board of Trustees shall be at the call of the president, at the request of any three members of said board, notice of which shall be given in writing, providing that such call shall not be more frequent than once per year; and in the absence of the president from any cause, any member may legally call such meeting.

SEC. 6. Said board shall have power to appoint of their number an executive committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum; the president of said board shall be, *ex officio*, president of such executive committee. Said executive committee shall have such power as the Board of Trustees shall clothe it with, and shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it may determine.

SEC. 7. This Convention shall elect, by ballot, four of its members, who shall, with the Secretary of the Missionary and Church-Extension Department, constitute a board of directors of said department, the secretary of which shall, *ex-officio*, be president of said board of directors.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of

said board to elect, of its own members, a secretary and treasurer, and to manage with energy and prudence the interests of said department. Said board shall require of its treasurer good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties. It shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in its number, and to determine the time and place of its meetings.

SEC. 9. This Convention shall appoint one person in each conference in the United States and Canada, each of whom shall be called assistant secretary of the Sabbath-school Department, and whose duty it shall be to collect annually the Sabbath-school statistics of his conference, and to forward to the secretary of said department, on or before the 1st day of January in each year, an abstract of the same, together with such suggestions as to the best methods of conducting Sabbath schools as experience may have proved to be valuable.

(a) In the year in which the regular meeting of this Convention shall be held, it is hereby made the duty of the president and secretary of each of the conferences in the United States and Canada to forward to the President of this Convention, at least sixty days before date of meeting of said Convention, such statistics and information as will enable the President to present in his opening address a correct statement of the denomination and its work. Said statistics shall embrace: first, the number of congregations in the conference; second, the number of chapels; third the number of members; and fourth, the increase or decrease.

(b) The Educational Department shall be conducted in such a manner as to favor the establishment of denominational schools upon substantial bases; and especially to encourage the undivided support of one college and biblical school.

Article XII.

The sessions of the Convention under this constitution shall be called by the executive board quadrennially, and at other times when deemed by them necessary and proper.

Article XIII.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote, at any session of the Convention, provided three months' previous notice of the proposed amendment shall have been published in the denominational papers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION,

which was adopted at Haverhill, Mass., October 15, 1894:

WHEREAS, Due notice of amendments to Article II. of the constitution has been given, and to Article VII. of the constitution; therefore,

Resolved, That Article II. of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Article II. That all our churches be expected to take four collections annually for the following purposes: Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and American Christian Convention. Said collections to be paid to the Secretary of the Convention for transmission to the Treasurer. Should the collections for the Convention fail to meet the expenses of the Secretary's office, and the other necessary Convention expenses, the deficit shall be taken *pro rata* from the other three collections.

Article VII. That we add the sixth department, to be known as "The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor."

For additional A. C. C. matter, lists of ministers, churches, and conferences, see index.

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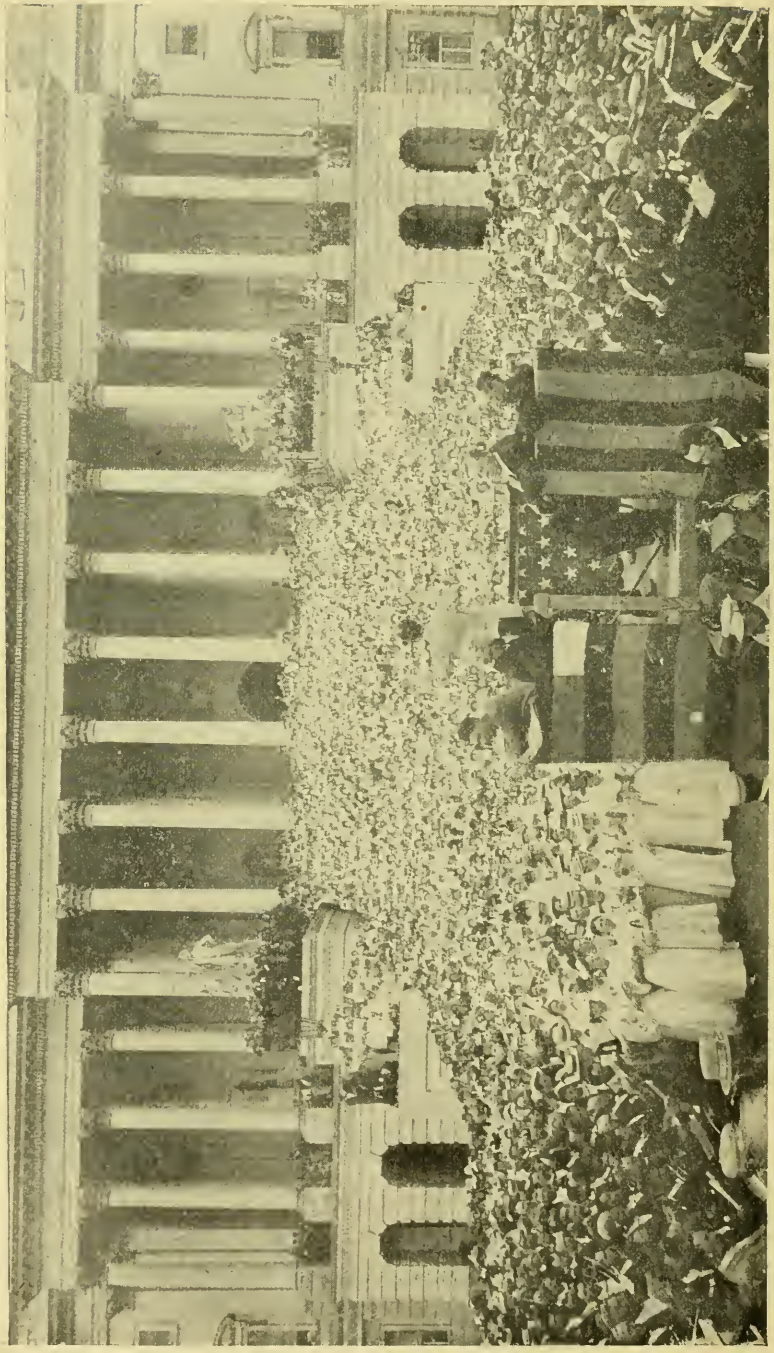


THE OPEN-AIR PATRIOTIC SONG SERVICE. CHORUS OF 4,600 VOICES UPON THE CAPITOL STEPS, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., DURING THE FIFTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION, JULY, 1896.

Rev. P. A. Canada, Secretary Y. P. S. C. E. Department, American Christian Convention.

Rev. P. A. Canada, our Endeavor Secretary, who has proven himself such an earnest and faithful worker, is a native of Indiana. He was born December 18, 1859. His boyhood days were spent on a farm, with limited educational advantages. In 1877 he entered Union Christian College, and graduated in 1883, spending two years of that time teaching school. He served as principal of the Greentown, Indiana, schools one year, and then attended Oberlin Seminary.

In 1888 he was married to Miss Addie Spencer, of Liberty, Indiana.

He was ordained at Columbus Grove, Ohio, in 1886. He was pastor at Versailles, Ohio, two and one half years, and at Conneaut, Ohio, three years, at the expiration of which he accepted a call to Albany, New York, where he continues his labors.

He is the beacon light of our Endeavor Department.

To know him is to respect and admire him for his loyalty to the cause.

The Y. P. S. C. E. Department of the American Christian Convention.

By Rev. P. A. Canada, Secretary, Albany, N. Y.

THIS department was created at the Quadrennial Convention at Haverhill, Massachusetts, October, 1894, with Rev. G. A. Conibear as department secretary. Brother Conibear wrought earnestly and efficiently until he was obliged to give up the work. The present secretary took up the work where Brother Conibear left off, and has sought to carry out his admirable plans. Most of the conferences and associations have been organized with an efficient Christian Endeavor secretary in charge. The following is a list of secretaries so far as we are able to give:

New England Convention — Miss Mary A. Rowell, Franklin, N. H.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island Conference—Rev. W. B. Flanders, New Bedford, Mass.

Rockingham—Miss Sadie Cate, Wolfboro, N. H.

Vermont—Miss Sybil Morgan, Lincoln, Vt.

Merrimack—Miss Mary A. Rowell, Franklin, N. H.

York—Miss Anna Libby, Saco, Maine.

Central and East — Miss Olive Gould, Albion, Maine.

Ohio State—Rev. O. W. Powers, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Mt. Vernon, Ohio—Orange Dunlap, Utica, Ohio.

Ohio Southern—Rev. O. L. Pride, Aberdeen, Ohio.

Ohio Central—Miss Edna Green, Raymond, Ohio.

Miami, Ohio—Rev. McD. Howsare, Versailles, Ohio.

Iowa Central—George Dalzelle, Le Grand, Iowa.

Iowa Union—C. E. Hawk, Le Grand, Iowa.

Iowa Southwestern—Miss Grace Hewlette, Winterset, Iowa.

Iowa, Des Moines—Frank Abbott, Thayer, Iowa.

Southern Kansas—Miss May Cole, Lerado, Kan.

Illinois State—Rev. G. D. Lawrence, Arthur, Ill.

Illinois Western—Rev. R. W. Pittman, Fiatt, Ill.

Northern Illinois and Wisconsin—H. B. Stevenson, Capron, Ill.

Indiana State—Rev. D. B. Atkinson, Muncie, Ind.

Eel River—Rev. J. W. Bolton, Bluffton, Ind.

Eastern Indiana—Mrs. Anna Coats, Harrisville, Ind.

Miami Reserve—Mrs. B. O. Hays, Marion, Ind.

Indiana Central—Rev. D. O. Coy, Taylorsville, Ind.

Western Indiana—Rev. R. H. Gott, Mellott, Ind.

Southern Indiana and Illinois—Miss Cora Norris, Stewartville, Ind.

Northwestern Indiana—Rev. W. J. Vance, Argos, Ind.

New York State—Rev. N. W. Crowell, North Rush, N. Y.

New York Western—Rev. W. A. Warner, Machias, N. Y.

New York Central—Rev. E. D. Hammond, Eddytown, N. Y.

New York Southern—Miss Hattie Pollard, Harford Mills, N. Y.

New York Eastern—Rev. F. Metzger, Freehold, N. Y.

New Jersey—Rev. I. J. Wilmarth, Vienna, N. J.

Erie—A. B. Kendall, Erie, Pa.

Western Pennsylvania—Mary Humbert, Haydentown, Pa.

Tioga River—Rev. Ira L. Peck, Knoxville, Pa.

Ray's Hill—Miss Amanda L. Bennett, Flintstone, Md.

Ontario—Rev. W. P. Fletcher, Oshawa, Ont.

Michigan—Rev. P. W. McReynolds, Marshall, Mich.

Southern Wabash, Illinois—John Evans, Merom, Indiana.

Illinois Central—C. S. Masterson, Garrett, Ill.

With the help of these efficient conference Christian Endeavor secretaries and others, we have organized the Endeavor work in many places. Much valuable information has been gathered. We have a list of 375 societies, reporting an aggregate membership of 8,872 active and 2,681 associate members (making a total reported membership of 11,553, not counting the honorary membership), contributing last year $1,364.75 for missions and $1,580.59 for other work, making a total of $2,945.34.

A large number of the corresponding secretaries of the 375 societies failed to give any statistical reports, as may be seen by looking at the printed list, and some conference secretaries failed to report the correct number of societies, so that we may safely say that we have fully five hundred societies, and the membership and contributions are fully double the numbers given above.

The work of this department is arduous, involving, as it does, a large correspondence and much clerical work, as well as the preparation of much matter for the press. Also, the expense of the department is not inconsequential. But all is borne cheerfully, gladly, by the General Secretary and his self-denying conference secretaries. The General Secretary would urge that each society send to the annual conference a sum equal to five cents per capita to be used as a fund for extending the work. This would enable the conference Christian Endeavor secretary to distribute literature, and even visit needy fields in the interest of Christian Endeavor extension.

Also each conference Christian Endeavor secretary should urge each society to observe Christian Endeavor Day. As the young people in our Sunday schools observe Children's Day in June, and make it of great benefit to our Home Missionary Fund, so we ought to make Christian Endeavor Day in February distinctively Foreign Missionary Day. At any rate, we have about ten thousand active members; probably more. Shall we not have for our motto and standard, "*One dollar from each Endeavorer each year for missions*" until Christ our Lord is crowned King of men as he is already King of saints?

The Christian Endeavor Platform.

(From President Clark's Annual Address at the Fifteenth International Convention, Washington, D.C., July, 1896.)

OUR Christian Endeavor platform was built for us at the beginning by Providence. Its strength has been revealed by our history. My task is an easy one, for I only need write in words what I believe God has written in deeds. If I do not state our platform correctly, I do

not ask you to stand upon it. But if I can read our history aright, these are its chief planks:

First. Our covenant prayer-meeting pledge,—the *magna charta* of Christian Endeavor.

Second. Our consecration meeting,—guaranteeing the spiritual character of the society.

Third. Our committees,—giving to each active member some specific and definite work "for Christ and the Church."

Fourth. Our interdenominational and international fellowship, based upon our denominational and national loyalty.

Fifth. Our individual independence and self-government, free from control of United Society, state, or local union, convention, or committee; all of which exist for fellowship and inspiration, not for legislation.

Sixth. Our individual subordination as societies to our own churches, of which we claim to be an integral, organic, inseparable part.

Seventh. Our Christian citizenship plank,—our country for Christ, but, as a society, no entangling political alliances. Our missionary plank,—Christ for the world.

Eighth. Our ultimate purpose,—to deepen the spiritual life and raise the religious standards of young people the world over.

Christian Endeavor Facts.

ACCORDING to the latest reports from the General Secretary, there are in the world over 47,000 societies, with an aggregate membership of over 2,800,000. Last year from the Juniors 21,500 and from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor 210,400 joined the churches of America. Given for missions last year, over $154,000, and for other benevolences, over $206,000.

The first Christian Endeavor Society was organized in February, 1881, by Rev. Francis E. Clark, pastor of Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine.

Christian Endeavor is not an end, but a means to an end. It does not exist for its own sake, but only "for Christ and the Church."

Christian Endeavor is not apart from, but a part of, the Church. It is a hand, feet, tongue, eyes, heart-an instrument. Happy the church and pastor who know how to use this sanctified instrument.

God can use Christian Endeavor to promote temperance, good citizenship, missions, and all good causes.

Christian Endeavor does not supplant any agency of the Church, such as Sunday school, missionary and aid societies, and prayer-meeting. Its object is to build all these up.

Christian Endeavor conventions are doing a grand work in promoting interdenominational fellowship, which is a phase of Christian union. For this reason alone all our pastors and workers should attend these conventions. These conventions also result in the ingathering of many souls and the deepening of the spiritual life of many who are hungering after the better things of God's kingdom.

Christian Endeavor Prayer-Meeting Topics for 1897.

[These topics will be written up each week in the C. E. Department of the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*.]

Sunday—	*Topics*—
Jan. 3	What prayer should do for the Christian. I. Kings 8: 22-40. (A meeting of preparation for the Week of Prayer.)
Jan. 10	Spiritual power: whence it comes and how to get it. Phil. 4: 4-13.
Jan. 17	Revivals, at home and in mission fields. II. Chron. 30: 13-27. (A missionary topic.)
Jan. 24	Our failures and successes. Luke 5: 1-11. (A question-box meeting suggested.)
Jan. 31	Endeavorers loyal to Christ; what will they do? John 13: 31-38; 8: 31. (Christian Endeavor Day.)
Feb. 7	Sincerity; with one's self, with others, with God. Ps. 15: 1-5; Zech. 8: 16, 17.
Feb. 14	What our denomination is doing. Zech. 4: 1-14. (A bird's-eye view of denominational activities.)
Feb. 21	Our little worries, and how to get rid of them. Ps. 121: 1-8; John 14: 1.
Feb. 28	From what does Christ save men? Tit. 3: 1-7.
March 7	Opportunities to do good: seeing them, using them. John 4: 5-15; I. Cor. 9: 19-22.
March 14	How the Christian Endeavor pledge strengthens the Christian life. II. Kings 23: 1-3, 21-25.
March 21	How our bodies influence our souls. Dan. 1: 8-21. (A temperance topic.)
March 28	What Christian heroism is and does. Luke 9: 18-26, 51-62.
April 4	Lessons from Christ's miracles. Matt. 11: 2-6; John 14: 8-14.
April 11	The brotherhood of man. I. John 3: 1-24. (A missionary topic.)
April 18	Different kinds of death and the conquest of them. I. Cor. 15: 50-58. (An Easter topic.)
April 25	What is true liberty and how is it won? John 8: 30-40.
May 2	Christian enterprise. Jonah 3: 1-10.
May 9	Why I love Jesus. I. John 4: 19; John 3: 14-17. (A union meeting with the Juniors suggested, to be led by the Junior superintendent.)
May 16	Some things worth living for. I. John 2: 12-17.
May 23	Peace: when to seek it, and how. Gen. 13: 5-18.
May 30	"That ye bear much fruit." John 15: 1-14.
June 6	The tongue as a Christian's tool. Ex. 4: 1-17.
June 13	The best way to study the Bible. Ps. 19: 7-14.
June 20	Our brother's keepers. Gen. 4: 3-16. (A temperance topic.)
June 27	How to get patience, and why. Jas. 5: 7-20.
July 4	Consecrated patriots: what will they do? Deut. 32: 1-18.
July 11	Individual responsibility for the conversion of the world. Rom. 9: 1-3; 10: 1, 13-15. (A missionary topic. Prayer for the International Christian Endeavor Convention.)
July 18	Belief in Christ: what it is, what it does. John 4: 46-53; Acts 16: 25-34.
July 25	False worship and true. Matt. 6: 1-15.
Aug. 1	Putting religion into our daily tasks. I. Kings 7: 13, 14; Acts 18: 1-4; Mark 6: 1-3.
Aug. 8	The comfort that comes from the Bible. Isa. 12: 1-6. (A promise meeting.)
Aug. 15	Stumbling-blocks. Matt. 18: 1-14. (A temperance topic.)
Aug. 22	Have we the spirit of Christ? Rom. 8: 1-18.
Aug. 29	The idols we are likely to worship. Ex. 20: 1-6; Luke 12: 13-21.
Sept. 5	Our gifts from God; our gifts to God. Rom. 8: 26-39.
Sept. 12	Bible directions for practical life. Eph. 6: 1-9. (A memory meeting suggested.)
Sept. 19	Losing one's life and finding it. John 12: 1-8, 20-26.
Sept. 26	Eternity. John 5: 17-29.
Oct. 3	How to make God's will our will, and the result. Phil. 2: 1-13.
Oct. 10	Enduring hardships for Christ's sake. Heb. 12: 1-13. (A missionary topic.)
Oct. 17	"Whatever He would like to have me do." Ex. 19: 1-8. (A meeting to consider all branches of society work suggested, to be led by the president.)
Oct. 24	Confessing Christ before men: why and how. John 12: 35-43; Rom. 10: 8-11. (A meeting for especial thought of the associate members and the unconverted.)
Oct. 31	Trust Christ—for what? II. Tim. 1: 1-12.
Nov. 7	Influence: why to get it, how to get it, how to use it. Deut. 20: 1-9; Matt. 5: 13-16.
Nov. 14	The blessedness of serving God. Deut. 28: 1-20; 45-47. (A meeting to be led by the pastor, or, if your church has none, by some older Christian.)
Nov. 21	Gratitude: to whom? for what? how shown? Luke 17: 11-19. (A Thanksgiving topic.)
Nov. 28	How can we consecrate ourselves to the temperance and similar reforms? Luke 1: 5-17. (International Temperance Sunday.)
Dec. 5	"Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Matt. 20: 20-28.
Dec. 12	One thing I have learned from Paul's life or writings. Acts 9: 1-22. (A memory meeting suggested.)
Dec. 19	Our sins, and how to get rid of them. Luke 13: 23-30.
Dec. 26	What message did Christmas bring you? Isa. 53: 1-12. (A Christmas song service suggested.)

Junior Christian Endeavor Prayer-Meeting Topics for 1897.

[These topics will be treated each week in the C. E. Department of the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, by competent writers.]

Sunday—	*Topics*—
Jan. 3—	What good resolution have you for this new year? Eccl. 12:1-7, 13, 14.
Jan. 10—	Ways in which we may serve God in school. Luke 2:40-52.
Jan. 17—	What interesting fact do you know about Africa and the missions there? Ps. 68: 31-35.
Jan. 24—	What are some things that trouble you? Ps. 142:1-7. (A question-box meeting suggested, to be led by the pastor.)
Jan. 31—	If we are loyal to Christ, how will we show it? John 13:31-38; 8:31. (Christian Endeavor Day.)
Feb. 7—	The Beatitudes; which do you most need to remember? Matt. 5:1-12.
Feb. 14—	The life of Moses; what are some of its lessons? Heb. 11:23-29.
Feb. 21—	Our little worries; what are they? how can we get rid of them? Ps. 121:1-8; John 14:1.
Feb. 28—	How does Jesus help you? John 6:28-35.
March 7—	Chances to do good: what are some of them, and how are they to be used? John 4:7-15.
March 14—	How does your Christian Endeavor pledge strengthen you? II. Kings 23: 1-3.
March 21—	What are some Bible warnings against strong drink? Dan. 1:8-17.
March 28—	How can we become true heroes? Luke 9:18-26.
April 4—	What is one lesson you have learned from one of Christ's miracles? Matt. 11:2-6.
April 11—	What is the most interesting thing you know about Asia and its missions? Acts 1:1-8.
April 18—	What did Christ's life and death do for the world? John 1:1-18. (An Easter topic.)
April 25—	What are some wonderful escapes the Bible tells about? Acts 27:20-26, 39-44.
May 2—	What are some hard things we should attempt, and why? Jer. 32:17-22, 26, 27.
May 9—	Why do you love Jesus? I. John 4:19; John 3:14-17. (A union meeting with the older society suggested, to be led by the Junior superintendent.)
May 16—	Christ's sayings that begin with "Verily"—what have you learned from them? John 10:1-7.
May 23—	How can we be true through and through? Prov. 12:5, 17-22.
May 30—	How can we "bear much fruit"? John 15:1-8.
June 6—	Bible men and women that used their tongues for God. Matt. 10:16-20.
June 13—	What good comes from reading the Bible? Ps. 19:7-11.
June 20—	How should we be our brothers' keepers? Gen. 4:3-16. (A temperance topic.)
June 27—	How can we become more patient? Jas. 5:7-11.
July 4—	How can we serve our country? Deut. 32:7-13. (A patriotic meeting.)
July 11—	How can we serve the world? Rom. 10:1, 13-15. (A missionary meeting. Prayer for the International Christian Endeavor Convention.)
July 18—	What are some ways of making home pleasant? Job 1:1-5; 42:10-13.
July 25—	Things the Bible tells us not to do. Ex. 20:1-17.
Aug. 1—	How can we put our religion into our daily tasks? Acts 18:1-4.
Aug. 8—	Bits of comfort from the Bible. Isa. 12: 1-6. (A promise meeting.)
Aug. 15—	How do people put stumbling-blocks in others' way? Matt. 18:1-14. (A temperance topic.)
Aug. 22—	Lessons from great Christians. Rev. 7: 9-17.
Aug. 29—	What are some idols we are likely to worship? I. John 5:13-21.
Sept. 5—	What does God give us, and what should we give God? Rom. 8:31-39.
Sept. 12—	The directions the Bible gives us for our work and lives. Eph. 6:1-9. (A memory meeting suggested.)
Sept. 19—	How should we treat our animal friends? Ps. 8:1-9.
Sept. 26—	Keeping one's temper: how? why? Prov. 16:1-5, 13, 18, 23, 24, 27, 28, 32.
Oct. 3—	How can we make God's will our will, and what is the result? Phil. 2:1-13.
Oct. 10—	Things men have endured for Christ's sake. Heb. 12:1-6. (A missionary topic.)
Oct. 17—	"Whatever He would like to have me do." Ex. 19:1-8. (A meeting to consider the work of the society.)
Oct. 24—	Why should we confess Christ, and how? Rom. 10:8-11.
Oct. 31—	Right and wrong ways of using money. Luke 16:19-25.
Nov. 7—	How can we get influence, and how should we use it? Matt. 5:13-16.
Nov. 14—	The joys of serving God. Deut. 28:1-8.
Nov. 21—	How can we show our gratitude to God? Luke 17:11-19. (A Thanksgiving topic.)
Nov. 28—	What do you want to do for the temperance cause? Luke 1:5-17. (International Temperance Sunday.)
Dec. 5—	Serving others, and its rewards. Matt. 20:20-28.
Dec. 12—	One thing I have learned from Paul. Acts 9:1-9. (A memory meeting suggested.)
Dec. 19—	What are some of our sins, and how can we get rid of them? Luke 13:23-30.
Dec. 26—	What good thing did you learn from Christmas? Isa. 53:1-12. (A Christmas song service suggested.)

Rev. N. W. Crowell was born near Hamlet, N. Y., September 20, 1856. He was a close student during his boyhood days, allowing nothing but sickness to keep him from school. December 18, 1877, he married Rose L. Yeager of Hare Creek, Pa. January, 1881, he was converted and united with the Hare Creek Christian Church. He immediately felt a call to preach, but resisted the Spirit two years, until he felt, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel."

September, 1886, he entered the C. B. I. for four years' study. April 1, 1892, he accepted a unanimous call to North Rush, N. Y., which has prospered under his labors, 65 having been added to the roll. His people give liberally because they love the cause. At our denominational rally, October 7, 1896, at Rochester, N. Y., he was elected Christian Endeavor Secretary for New York State.

Rev. N. W. Crowell, North Rush, N. Y.

A Call to New York State Endeavorers.

By Rev. N. W. Crowell, State Endeavor Secretary.

Thank God for the Christian Endeavor movement. Its spirit imbibed as an actuating influence will bring the followers of Christ just where they *ought* to be, where God can bless their efforts, and where they *can* save the world. "That they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

As the Christian Endeavor society is doing the work of the Christian Church, let us all rally at once, for the Master's business is urgent. What we need is wise plans executed. We fear not for the wisdom or plans of our American Christian Convention Secretary, and if each local society will respond and endeavor, we shall rejoice in success.

Between now and the state rally, at Elmira, in 1897, we can place a missionary in the field, and it would not require a great effort. One hundred societies, averaging twenty members each, paying only one cent per member a week, would be sufficient.

What we need to-day is a baptism of the Holy Spirit and more systematic giving. Let each society take a share, or more, as resolved at the state rally. Begin early to plan for a good collection Endeavor Day (February, 1897). Let us strive to be efficient Endeavorers. That means pray much. "Ask, and it shall be given you." It also means an educated intellect.

Christian Endeavor Societies.

(1-Conference. 2-Corresponding Secretary. 3-Active Members. 4-Associate Members. 5-Missionary Money. 6-Money for All Other Purposes.)

NEW YORK.

Albany—1-N. Y. East. 2-Mrs. P. H. Pomeroy, 120 Washington Avenue. 3-22. 4-6. 5-$10.75. 6-$26. Junior—Mrs. P. H. Pomeroy, Superintendent. 3-25. 5-$6.25.

Austerlitz—1-N. Y. East. 2-Miss Cora Kellogg.

Bennett's Creek—1-Tioga River. 2-Miss Blanche L. Smith. 3-10. 4-16. 5-$11.10. 6-$30.76.

Binghamton—1-N. Y. South. 2-Miss Rubie Davis, 243 Clinton St. 3-48. 4-2. 6-$15.

Brooklyn—1-N. Y. East. 2-Mrs. W. W. Dillon, 29 Newell St. 3-52. 4-4.

Cameron Hill—1-Tioga River. 2-Miss Edith Rumsey, North Cameron. 3-25. 4-14.

Canaan (Red Rock)—1 N. Y. East. 2-Mrs. Arthur Beebe, Chatham Center. 3-18. 4-12.

Castile—1 N. Y. West. 2-Merton Phelps. 3-48. 4-12. 5-$3.70. 6-$50.

Charleston Four Corners—1-N. Y. East. 2-Mrs. Anna L. Conover. 3-53. 4-21. 5-$15.

Clinton (Schultzville)—1-N. Y. East. 2-George Budd, Schultzville. 3-18. 4-12.

Cranberry Creek—1-N. Y. East. 2-Mrs. G. Lockhart. 3-34. 4-1. 5-$3.50.

De Wittville—1-Erie. 2-Miss Hattie Leet, Chautauqua Point. 3-55. 4-7. 5-$33. 6-$24.25. Junior—3-30. 5-$10.

Dundee—1-N. Y. Central. 3-28.

Eddytown—1-N. Y. Central.

Emerson—1-N. Y. Central. 2-L. D. Emerson. 3-55.

Enfield Center—1-N. Y. Central.

Freehold—1-N. Y. East. 2-Miss Emma Story. 3-24. 4-17. 5-$10.

Galway—1-N. Y. East. 2-Chas. F. Wait. 3-14. 4-13.

Harford Mills—1-N. Y. South. 2-Hattie E. Pollard. 3-35. 4-5. 6-$20. Junior—Mrs. Henry Vincent, Superintendent. 3-23.

Hartwick Village—1-N. Y. East. 2-Chas. Harrington. 3-28.

Hooper—1-N. Y. South. 2-Laura Struble.

Ingleside—1-Tioga River. 2-Miss Alice Simons. 3-44. 4-10. 5-$5. 6-$2.

Kirkwood—1-N. Y. South. 2-Walter Bouncle.

Lakeville—1-N. Y. Central. 2-Miss Mary Armstrong. 3-42. 4-10.

Machias—1-N. Y. West. 2-Mrs. C. M. Lock. 3-43. 4-17. 5-$20. 6-$18.

Marion—1-N. Y. Central.

Medusa—1-N. Y. East. 2-Miss Nettie Gifford. 3-31. 4-19.

Medway—1-N. Y. East. 2-Mrs. B. Palmer. 3-23. 4-60. 5-$10.

Memphis—1-N. Y. Central. 2-Miss Jennie McDowell. 3-43. 4-10. 5-$10.

Morganville—1-N. Y. West. 2-Miss Lizzie Daniels. 3-21. 4-11. 5-$10. 6-$3.75.

Newark—1 N. Y. Central. 2-W. F. Quance. 3-22. 4-13.

North Pembroke—1 N. Y. West. 2-Blanche Boyce. 3-29. 4-35. 6-$95.25.

North Rush—1-N. Y. Central. 2-B. H. Diver. 3-37. 4-24. 5-$10.

Orangeport—1-N. Y. West. 2-Miss Clara Weaver, Hartland, N. Y. 3-62. 5-$10.68. 6-$60.

Otego—1-N. Y. East. 2-Mrs. I. H. Allen. 3-10. 4-1. 5-$3. 6-$3.

Parma and Greece—1-N. Y. West. 2-Miss Anna C. Burritt, N. Parma. 3-24. 4-17. 5-$20. 6-$11.86.

Penelope—1-N. Y. South. 2-Miss P. E. Smith. 3-29. 4-7. 6-$8.75.

Plainville—1–N. Y. Central. 2–Mrs. C. A. Pooler. 3–62. 4–6. 5–$10.

Portlandville—1–N. Y. East. 2–Wm. N. Chase. 3–12. 4–6. 5–$1.

Ravena—1–N. Y. East. 2–Miss Anna E. McCarty. 3–18. 4–8. 5–$5. Junior—Miss Anna E. McCarty.

Rock Stream—1–N. Y. Central. 3–55.

Rural Grove—1–N. Y. East. 2–J. H. Walker. 3–46. 4–12. 5–$10.

St. Johnsville—1–N. Y. East. 2–E. A. Seaman. 3–30. 4–20. Junior.

Searsburg—1–N. Y. Central.

South Berne—1–N. Y. East. 2–Mrs. L. J. Westfall, West Berne. 3–21. 4–3.

South Westerlo—1–N. Y. East. 2–Anna E. Morse. 3–28. 4–13. 5–$15.

Springwater—1–N. Y. Central.

Thurston (Merchantville)—1–N. Y. Central. 2–Miss Alice Knickerbocker. 3–20. 4–15. 6–50 cents.

Trumbull's Corners—1–Tioga River. 2–Rebecca Cornish, Newfield. 3–37. 4–4.

Westbury—1–N. Y. Central.

West Day—1–N. Y. East. 2–Miss I. M. Stead. 3–24. 4–34. 5–$1.50.

West Shelby—1–N. Y. West. 2–Miss Clara A. Mills. 3–41. 6–$8.

West Windsor—1–N. Y. South. 2–Mrs. D. Jackson.

Summary—Number of societies reporting, 56; aggregate membership, active, 1,478; aggregate membership, associate, 497; contributed for missions, $244.98; contributed for other work, $376.62.

Ohio.

(1-Conference. 2-Corresponding Secretary. 3-Active Members. 4-Associate Members. 5-Missionary Money. 6-Money for all other purposes.)

Ansonia—1–Northwest. Ohio. 2–Hattie Searles. 3–30. 4–8. 6–$6.50. Junior—Mrs. Dr. Brandon. 5–$3.50.

Antioch—1–South. Ohio. 2–Mrs. Rachel Swope, Wigginsville.

Bethlehem—1–South. Ohio. 2–Vina Helm, Aberdeen.

Rev. O. W. Powers, Yellow Springs, O.

Rev. Oliver Worden Powers was born at Naples, N. Y., May 9, 1856. He has been a student of Starkey Seminary, Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Christian Biblical Institute, and Antioch College, graduating from the last, A.B., in 1890, and A.M., in 1894. Much of his life has been spent in the schoolroom as instructor. He has been a successful teacher and is a successful pastor.

December 25, 1884, he married Florence B. Davis, who died January 23, 1894.

August 20, 1896, he married Emma C. Southward.

His present charge, Yellow Springs, Ohio, which he has served since June, 1894, speaks in praise of his earnest labors with them. He has a flourishing Christian Endeavor Society. He is vice-president of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union for the Christians, and also Ohio Christian Endeavor Secretary.

First Christian Church, Versailles, Ohio.

Buckeye City—2–Rev. W. L. Lundy.

Carysville—1–Miami. 2–Mae Bailey. 3–34. 4–2.

Chambersburg—1–Miami. 2–Harry Huey. 3–15. 4–13. 6–$10.

Cole Chapel—1–East. Ohio. 2–Rev. Charles Briley, Carbon Hill.

Coletown—1–East. Ind. 2–Victor Conover.

Columbus—

Columbus Grove—1–Northwest. Ohio. 2–Maggie Lytle. 3–76. 4–22. 6–$70. Junior—Mrs. Barbara Tate, Superintendent. 3–50. 6–$39.

Conneaut—1–Erie. 2–A. H. Symonds. 3–38. 4–8.

Concord—1–Miami. 2–Myrtle M. Railsback, Ernest, Ohio. 3–28. 4–10. 5–$5.08.

Covington—1–Miami. 2–Hannah Capron. 3–54. 4–6. 5–$10.

Danville—1–Mt. Vernon. 2–Bertha Wermer. 3–21. 4–9.

Dayton—1–Miami. 2–Mrs. Emma Myers. 3–44. 4–1.

Dunkirk—1–Northwest. Ohio. 2–Mrs. Dr. Johnson. 3–33. 4–11. 5–$10.

Eaton—1–Miami. 2–Dr. G. W. Flora. 3–31. 4–19.

Enon—1–Miami. 2–Rev. A. R. Bosworth. 3–16. 4–9. Junior.

Fairview—1–South. Ohio. 2–Miss Sallie Remley, Wallsburg.

Rev. McD. Howsare.

First Christian Church, Versailles, O., organized 1818. In 1823 a log building was erected. In 1856 a brick building was erected. In 1884 the above building was built. Nearly 2,000 names are on the church record. Present membership is 370. Church free from debt. All departments flourishing.

Much of the present success is due the pastor, Rev. McDaniel Howsare, a thoroughly consecrated Christian, earnest and systematic. He was born in Chaneysville, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1869. At fifteen he united with the Christian Church. He taught school at seventeen, began preaching at twenty, was ordained at Yellow Springs, Ohio, September 25, 1892. He is a man of sterling worth, loved by his people, and held in high esteem by the Church at large. He is Christian Endeavor Secretary of the Miami (Ohio) Conference.

Farmers' Chapel—1–South. Ohio. 2–Chas. Day, Hamersville.

Fellowship—1–South. Ohio. 2–Miss Nellie Cluxton, Neel.

Fincastle—1–South. Ohio. 2–Miss Jennie Sanders.

Five Mile—1–South. Ohio. 2–Robert Van Zant.

Fort Recovery—1–East. Ind. 2–Alonzo Golden. 3–90. Junior.

Franklin—1–Miami.

Glady's Creek—1–Miami. 2–Kate Gries, West Liberty. 3–16. 4–18.

Graham Chapel—1–East. Ohio. 2–Miss Hattie Fulton, Lysander. 3–25.

Greenville—1–Miami. 2–Daisey Batchford. 3–30. 4–1.

Hamersville—1–South. Ohio. 2–Rev. C. W. Tatman.

Hammond's Corners—1–Erie. 2–Mayme Neil, Riggs. 3–26. 4–40.

Hiett's Chapel—1–South. Ohio. 2–Miss Vernon Hiett.

Higginsport—1–South. Ohio. 2–Miss Anna Wolf.

Hollansburg—1–East. Ind. 2–C. A. Thomas. Junior—Miss Jennie Turner, Superintendent.

Houston—1–Miami. 2–E. C. Flinn. 3–50. 4–6. 6–$30.

Laura—1–Miami.

Liberty Chapel—1–South. Ohio. 2–Miss Etta Bennett, Fruit Hill.

Ludlow Falls—1–Miami. 2–Rev. H. Y. Rush. 3–50. 4–50.

Miamiville—1–Miami. 2–M. A. Thompson. 3–20. 4–12.

Mt. Pleasant—1–South. Ohio. 2–Miss Maggie Love, Felicity.

Mt. Zion (Clermont Co.)—1–South. Ohio. 2–F. Hamilton, Clermontville.

Mt. Zion (Hocking Co.)—2–Miss M. J. Dickens, Nelsonville. 3–22. 4–9.

Nashville—1–Miami.

North Clayton—1–Miami. 2–Belle Adams. 3–20.

Oran—1–Miami. 2–Sarah Anderson. 3–48. 4–8.

Piqua—1–Miami. 2–Miss Mellie Swank. 3–48. 4–5. 5–$10. 6–$100. Junior—Miss Myrtle Newhouse, Superintendent. 3–30. 6–$14.00.

Plattsburg—1–Miami. 2–Miss Nellie King. 3–16. 4–21. 6–$40.

Pleasant Hill—1–Miami. 2–Mrs. Jennie DeWeese. 3–37. 4–16.

Rarden—2–C. M. Blackburn.

Remington—1–Miami. 2–Charles E. Bolander. 3–11. 4–3. 5–$1.12.

Russellville—1–South. Ohio. 2–Stella Haines.

St. Johns—1–Northwest. Ohio. 2–Miss Madie Chenoweth. 3–21. 4–7. 6–$20.

Shiloh Springs—1–Miami. 3–40.

Springfield—1–Miami. 2–Rev. W. T. Warbinton. 3–33. 4–4. Junior.

Summerford—1–Central Ohio. 2–Minnie Soward. 3–28. 4–6. 6–$40.

Trotwood—1–Miami. 2–N. G. Worley. 3–22. 4–3.

Troy—1–Miami. 2–Myrtle P. Stewart. 3–55. 4–2. 5–$15. Junior—

Mrs. Mary Westlake, Superintendent. 3–50.

Union (Adams County)—1–South. Ohio. 2–H. A. Gaskins, Bentonville.

Union (Brown County)—1–South. Ohio. 2–Walter Shinkle, Higginsport.

Versailles—1–Miami. 2–Miss Blanche Rike. 3–56. 4–12. 5–$10. Intermediate. Junior—Rev. McD. Howsare, Superintendent. 3–110. 5–$10.

Vienna Cross Roads—1–Central Ohio. 2–Etta Henkle. 3–32. 4–3. 5–$1.36. 6–$59.57.

West Liberty—1–Miami. 2–Anna E. Kershner. 3–17. 4–14.

West Milton—1–Miami. 2–Mamie Coate. 3–50. 4–10.

Yellow Springs—1–Miami. 2–Sadie Kerr. 3–30. 4–7. Junior—Amy I. Sizer, Superintendent. 3–20.

Note—Owing to the failure of many of the conference and corresponding secretaries to report in full, statistics of Ohio societies are meager. Only about seventy societies have reported, perhaps not more than one-half of our societies. Active members, 1,603; associate members, 404; raised for missions, $78.14; for other work, $429.57.

Ontario.

(1–Conference. 2–Corresponding Secretary. 3–Active Members. 4–Associate Members. 5–Missionary Money. 6–Money for all other purposes.)

Altona—2–Mrs. A. Reesor. 3–41. 4–3.

Bethaven—2–Miss Christina Winch. 3–25. 4–30. 5–$5. 6–$1.05.

Bloomington—2–W. H. Fockler. 3–65. 4–6.

Church Hill—2–Lizzie Pryne, Ballantrae. 3–8. 4–5.

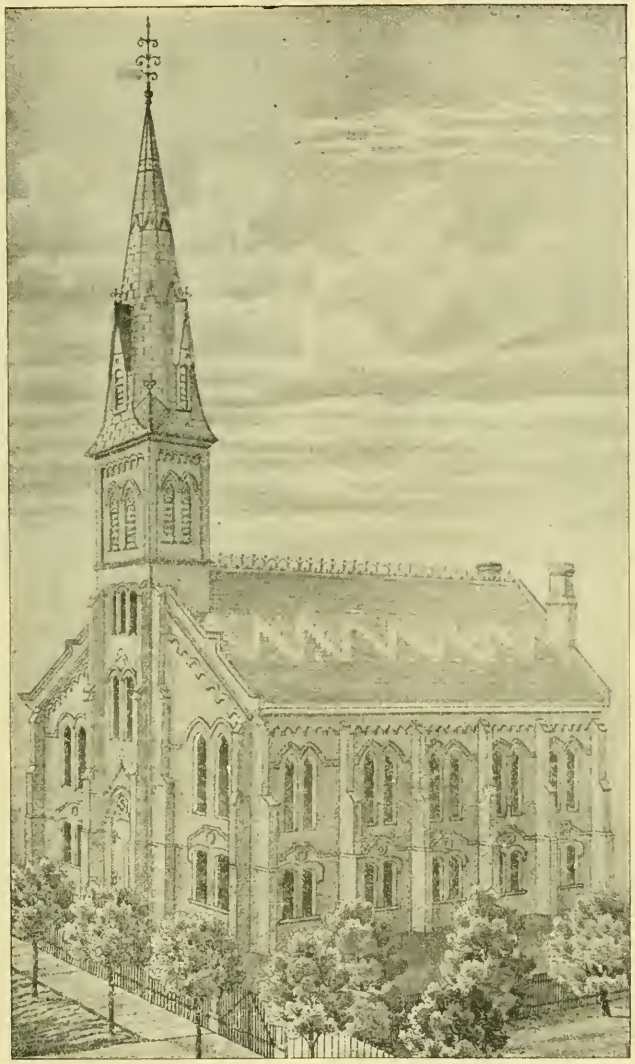
Drayton—2–Miss Emma Bishop. 3–15. 4–6.

Eddystone—2–W. G. Sargeant. 3–21. 4–21.

Jerusalem—2–Miss Mary Shannon. 3–10. 4–17. 6–$1.63.

Rev. W. P. Fletcher, Oshawa, Ontario.

The Oshawa Christian Church was organized in 1831. For years the people worshiped in barns and log schoolhouses. In 1843 a chapel was built. In 1875, under the labors of Rev. J. Tatton, the present church building was erected. Elder Tatton, however, died soon after its dedication without occupying its pulpit. It was dedicated by Drs. N. Summerbell and W. Hathaway. Present membership is seventy-five. Rev. W. Percy Fletcher, the present pastor, was born in 1871, and was converted at fifteen. After studying in high schools he entered Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, and in the spring of '96 took the degree of A.B. He was ordained in June, 1895. He is a good pastor and loved by his people. He is clerk of his conference and superintendent of its Christian Endeavor Societies. Brother Fletcher rode 1,000 miles on his bicycle in the autumn of 1895 to give an account in each of the Ontario Christian churches of the Boston Christian Endeavor Convention.



OSHAWA CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Minto—2–Miss Mary Shannon, Harriston.

Newmarket—2–W. E. Lehman.

Orono—2–Miss Lillian Gamsby. 3–15. 4–3. 6–82.

Oshawa—2–Miss Middie Lick. 3–14. 4–9. 5–$3.25. 6–$7.85.

Ringwood—2–Ada Barkey. 3–25. 4–3. 5–60 cents. 6–$4.15.

Summary—No. active members, 234; associate, 86; money raised, $23.30.

INDIANA.

(1–Conference. 2–Corresponding Secretary. 3–Active Members. 4–Associate Members. 5–Missionary Money. 6–Money for all other purposes.)

Albany—1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Dora Wolverton. 3–19. 4–3.

Anderson—1–East. Ind. 2–John Wilson. 3–80. 4–18. Junior—Rev.

T. L. Stafford, Superintendent. 3–45.

Antioch—1–South. Ind. 2–Ada Knowles, Stewartville. 3–16. 4–6.

Argos—1–Eel River, Ind. 2–Maud Moore. 3–46. 4–22. 5–$10.

Bee Ridge—1–West. Ind. 2–Emma Downing, Brazil. 3–20. 4–12.

Bethsaida—1–South. Ind. 2–Maggie Whelan, Stewartville. 3–16. 4–31. Junior—Mrs. Lulu Barrett, Superintendent, Stewartville. 3–15.

Blountsville—1–East. Ind. 2–Mrs. James Holiday. 3–14. 4–3.

Bluffton—1–Eel River. 2–Miss Alice Gettle. 3–26. 4–4. Junior—Bessie Fox, Superintendent. 3–38.

Boston—1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Nettie Campbell.

Burrows—1–Northwest. Ind. 2–David Ringer. 3–36. 4–12.

Carlos City—1–East. Ind. 2–Carrie Benson. 3–30. 4–10.

Center—1–West. Ind. 2–Ed. T. Hatton. 3–29. 4–17. 5–$9.50.

Collamer—1–Eel River, Ind. 2–Miss Ocie Karns, South Whitley. 3–23. 4–6.

Dunfee—1–Eel River. 2–Thomas D. Watson. 3–60. 4–8.

Eden—1–East. Ind. 2–Jennie McCormick, Shideler. 3–32. 4–6.

Elwood—1–Miami Reserve. 2–Miss Mary Todd. 3–50. 4–15. Junior—Miss Mary Todd.

Farmland—1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Grace Pursley. 3–70. 4–10. Junior—E. Driver, Superintendent.

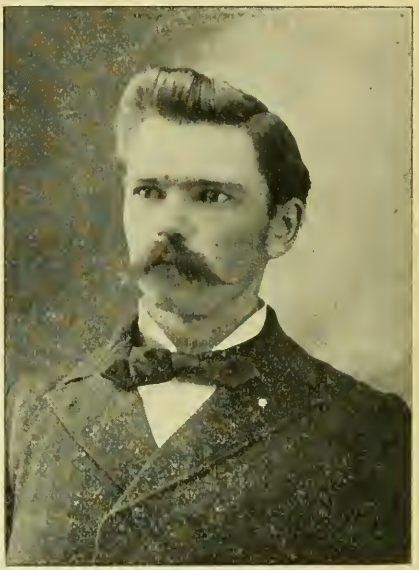
Forest Hill—2–George Wolard, Marshfield.

Good Hope—1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Maud Sipe, Deerfield. 3–27.

Goshen—1–Eel River. 2–Miss Mary Miller, 307 North St. 3–22. 4–11. Junior—Miss Ella Parker, Superintendent.

Greentown—Northwest. Ind. 2–J. L. Covalt.

Hagerstown—1–East. Ind. 2–Mrs. Laura Hines. 3–27. 4–1. Junior—2–Mrs. Laura Hines.



Rev. D. B. Atkinson, Muncie, Indiana.

Rev. Daniel Benonia Atkinson was born in Indiana March 5, 1869. After attending public schools until he was seventeen he devoted four years to winter teaching and attending summer normal. September, 1890, he entered Union Christian College to prepare himself for his life work in the ministry, and in 1894 he graduated from its classical and theological departments. September, 1894, he accepted a call to the First Christian Church at Muncie, Indiana, and the following July he was married to Miss Celia Randolph.

For five years he has been assistant secretary of the Eel River Conference, and for two years secretary of the Indiana State Conference.

The Endeavor work is especially attractive to him, and there we find him advancing steadily toward the foremost ranks. He has the general oversight of the work in Indiana, and has gained recognition for the Christians in the State Union.

Hanna's Creek—1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Elizabeth Creek, Liberty. 3–30. 4–31.

Harrisville—1–East. Ind. 2–Mrs. Mary Wickersham. 3–48. 4–2.

Hedrick—1–West. Ind. 2–Rev. Mary J. Vinson, Veedersburg.

Huntington—1–Eel River. 2–J. Frank Barnes. 3–37. 4–23.

Hurricane—1–East. Ind. 2–W. A. Smith, Williamstown. 3–23. 4–6.

Jireh—1–East. Ind. 2–Leoda Johnson, Anthony. 3–16. 4–5.

Kelso—1–Eel River. 2–Miss Etta Craig, Majenica. 3–17. 4–4.

Kokomo—1–Northwest. Ind. 2–Lulu Cox. 3–35. 4–8. Junior. Rev. K. E. West, Superintendent.

Linden—1–West. Ind. 2–Chas. Newkirk. 3–40. 4–2. 5–$5.

Losantville—1–East. Ind. 2–T. M. Thornburg.

Manson—1–West. Ind. 2–Maggie Clark. 3–45. 4–8.

Marion—1–Eel River. 2–Nettie Sims Sisson. 3–55. 4–6. 5–$15. Junior. Miss Marguerite Cunningham. 3–32.

Mellott—1–West. Ind. 2–Ida Hatt. 3–50. 4–70.

Merom—1–West. Ind. 2–Sadie Fairfield. 3–63. 4–3. 5–$10. Junior—Mrs. Maria McHenry, Superintendent. 3–30.

Middletown—1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Addie Lipes. 3–32. 4–8.

Millwood—1–Eel River. 2–L. H. Jones. 3–35. 4–8. Junior—Miss Mae Anglin, Superintendent. 3–26.

Mississinewa—1–East. Ind. L. E. Jones, Brinkley. 3–12. 4–2.

Montpelier—1–Eel River. 2–Miss Rillie Dragoo. 3–20. 4–20. Junior—Luta Thornburg, Superintendent. 3–25.

Mooreland—1–East. Ind. 2–Dora Hayne. 3–123.

Mt. Zion—1–East. Ind. 2–Ella Routh, Losantville. 3–25. 4–6.

Muncie—1–East. Ind. 2–Mrs. Celia R. Atkinson. 3–32. 4–3. 5–$10. Junior—Mrs. Celia R. Atkinson. 3–22.

Rev. C. A. Brown, Lebanon, Indiana.

Rev. Chas. A. Brown was born near Alamo, Indiana, March 3, 1866. At six he was left motherless, but his religious training was continued by his father and stepmother. At seventeen he commenced teaching school and taught eleven years. August 19, 1888, he married Augusta Irvin. He united with the Christian Church at Mellott, Indiana, under the labors of Rev. D. Powell. August 23, 1894, he was ordained. Feeling a need of more thorough Biblical training, he continued his studies in Union Christian College one year. He was then called to a pastorate near Lebanon, Indiana, and at the end of the first year was called to the pastorate of the new church at Lebanon, Indiana, which was organized by him May 27, 1896, and he assisted in its dedication May 31, 1896. He was secretary of the building committee, and attended to the greatest portion of the business required in its erection. Brother Brown is always found in the Y. P. S. C. E. ranks.

Murray — 2–Miss Bessie Townsend.

New Bethel — 1–Central Ind. Francis Long, Edenburg. 3–47. 4–13.

New Waverly—2–Miss Minnie Boyer.

New Liberty—1–South. Ind. 2–Miss Clara Boren, Cynthiana. 3–33.

North Manchester — 1–Eel River. 2–Leo E. Rogers. 3–29. 4–11. Junior—Rev. W. W. Riley, Superintendent.

Noble—2–Miss Maggie Kimble, Ample.

Oakland – 1–Northwest. Ind. 2–Minnie Cooper, Shanghai.

Ogden — 1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Susie Suits. 3–14. 4–2. Junior—Ada Hudelson, Superintendent. 3–12.

Paw Paw—1–Eel River. 2–Alvah Jeffrey, Urbana. 3–60. 4–8.

Pleasant Hill — 1–East. Ind. 2–Fawny Kemp, Jordan. 3–18. 4–4.

Pleasant Hill – 1–West. Ind. 2–Hurley Henry, Wingate. 3–60. 4–4.

Pleasant View 1–West. Ind. 2–Florence Shelby, Lebanon. 3–43. 4–6. 5–$5.

Plum Tree—2–E. S. Brown.

Portland — 1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Clara Imel. 3–30. Junior—Miss Clara Imel, Superintendent. 3–37.

Salamonia — East. Ind. 2–Miss Clara Wilkinson, Portland. 3–25. 4–18.

Servia — 1–Eel River. 2–Miss Laura Walters, North Manchester. 3–32. 4–32.

Sharon — 1–East. Ind. 2–Mont Sloniker, Albany. 3–17.

Straughn—1–East. Ind. 2–William Gauker. 3–15. 4–14.

Taylorsville— 1–Central Ind. 2–Mrs. N. B. Kincaid. 3–33. 4–28.

Twelve Mile — 1–Northwest. Ind. 2–Mrs. Mary E. Cox, Mexico. 3–29. 4–4.

Union—1–Eel River. 2–Dora Cone, Larwill. 3–24. 4–9. 5–$10. Junior—Dora Cone, Superintendent.

Walnut Chapel— 1–West. Ind. 2–Daisey Moodey, Mace. 3–32. 4–6. 5–$5.

Rev. R. H. Gott, Mellott, Indiana.

Rev. R. H. Gott, Secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E. for the Western Indiana Christian Conference, was born August 27, 1852, near Greenville, Ohio.

In August, 1885, he was ordained to the Christian ministry, and is now residing at Mellott, Indiana, having charge of four churches. He reports that his conference has twelve Endeavor societies with an aggregate membership of six hundred and seventy.

Wakarusa—1–Eel River. 2–Miss Maggie Melvin. 3–15. 4–12.

Warren — 1–Eel River. 2–Carrie Woods. 3–65. 4–15. 5–$32. Junior—Miss Carrie Todd, Superintendent.

Winchester—1–East. Ind. 2–Miss Pearl Cortner. 3–24. 4–8.

Yeddo — 1–West. Ind. 2–Clinton Snell. 3–25. 4–8. 5–$5.

Young America—1–Northwest. Ind. 2–Miss Clara Cost. 3–32. 4–7. 5–$7.75. Junior—Clarissa Cost, Superintendent. 3–11.

Young's Creek—1–Central Ind. 2.

Chas. W. Alexander, Franklin. 3–25. 4–4.

Summary—Y. P. S. C. E., 75; Junior C. E., 20; active members, 2,097; associate, 632; honorary, 154; Juniors, 300. Contributed for missions, $125; contributions for other purposes, $387.01. This summary is made up partly from last year's report. Many societies failed to report statistics.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

(1-Conference. 2-Corresponding Secretary. 3-Active Members. 4-Associate Members. 5-Missionary Money. 6-Money for all other purposes.)

Baleville, N. J.—1–N. J. 2–Lulu Harris. 3–30. 4–5. 5–$10.

Beaver Center, Pa.—1–Erie. 2–Miss Franc I. Cordley. 3–44. 4–15. 5–$25. 6–$8.40. Junior—Mrs. J. C. Drury. 3–28. 5–$9.50.

Bridgeboro, N. J.—1–N. J. 2–Mrs. S. Caldwell. 3–12. 4–13. 6–$8.87.

East Lawrence, Pa.—1–Tioga River. 2–Miss Letta Brown, Somers' Corner. 3–55. 4–5. 6–$6.

East Springfield, Pa.—1–Erie. 2–Miss Edna L. Robinson. 3–21. 4–9. 5–$16.08. 6–$34.47.

Erie, Pa.—1–Erie. 2–Miss Myrtle Nason. 3–22. 4–17. 5–$3. 6–$69.28.

Evergreen, Pa.—1–Tioga River. 2–Miss Bertha Newton.

Fairview, Pa. — 1–Erie. 2–Miss Marian Nason. 3–21. 4–6. 5–$13. 6–$29.44. Junior—3–24. 6–$6.17.

Finesville, N. J.—1–N. J. 2–E. A. Flenard. 3–25. 4–1. 5–$5. 6–$6.85.

Francis, Pa.—1–Erie. 3–Miss Allison Rouse. 3–12. 4–5.

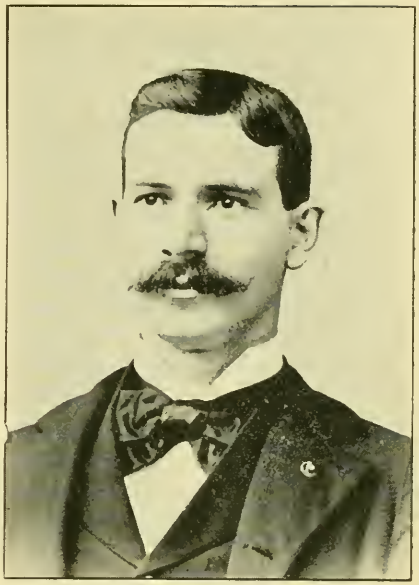
Gulf Mills—1–N. J. 2–Rebecca Wilkinson. 3–51. 4–11. 6–$17.

Halsey Valley—1–Tioga River.

Hare Creek, Pa.—1–Erie. 2–Fred M. Rouse, Cutting, N. Y. 3–15. 4–5. 6–$9.75.

Haydentown—1–West. Pa. 2–Miss Sadie Swaney.

Hope—1–N. J. 2–Ira Swayza. 3–13. 4–27. 5–$6.68. 6–$30.



A. B. Kendall, Erie, Pa.

A. B. Kendall was born in Harrison Valley, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1869. At sixteen he entered Antioch College, remaining one year, and when eighteen entered Waterford Academy, graduating two years later. He then taught school one year and afterwards entered an insurance office. This he gave up for Y. M. C. A. work. He is Assistant Secretary now at Erie, Pennsylvania.

He was converted in 1891 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and later joined the Christian Church at Erie, Pennsylvania.

He is an earnest Christian Endeavor worker, and served two years as president of Erie Christian Endeavor Union and is now Christian Endeavor Secretary of the Erie Christian Conference, which he has served two years.

Irvington—1–N. J. 2–Julia M. Webb. 3–62. 4–18. 5–$4.10. 6–$35.50.

Itley, Pa.—1–Erie. 2–George W. Drake. 3–20. 4–5. 5–$10. 6–$15.

Johnsonburg—1–N. J. 2–Fannie E. Stickle. 3–51. 4–10. 5–$10. 6–$45. Junior—Miss Jeannette Topping, Superintendent. 3–22. 5–$5.

Lewisburg, Pa.—1–N. J. 2–Katherine Reed. 3–33. 4–17. 6–$36.77.

Madisonville, Pa.—1–N. J. 2–Miss Viola Gonzoles. 3–68. 4–20. 5–$10. 6–$31.

McLallen's Corners, Pa.—1–Erie. 2–Mrs. Hills.

Milford—1–N. J. 2–Lulu A. Robinson. 3–24. 4–11. 6–$31.17.

Pine Valley—1–Erie. 2–L. A. Walton, Bear Lake, Pa. 3–14. 4–9. 5–$19.05.

Pleasant Unity—1–Western Penn. 2–Miss Zettie Wickes.

Springboro, Pa.—1–Erie. 2–Miss Meriba Cornell. 3–20. 4–3. 5–$12.10. 6–$23.63. Junior. 3–23. 6–$25.

Vienna—1–N. J. 2–Sadie Howell. 3–16. 4–5. 5–$10. 6–$40.62.

Summary—30 societies report an aggregate membership of 705 active and 200 associate members. Amount reported for missions, $256.01; and for other purposes, $484.45.

New England.

(1–Conference. 2–Corresponding Secretary. 3–Active Members. 4–Associate Members. 5–Missionary Money. 6–Money for all other purposes.)

Acushnet—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Mrs. G. W. Barton. 3–17. 5–$15.

Amesbury—1–Rockingham. 2–Hattie E. Morrill. 3–17. 4–7. 5–$5.

Bangor—1–Maine. 3–33. 4–19.

Belmont, N. H.—1–Merrimack. 2–Mrs. A. J. Smith. 3–20. 4–8. 5–$10.

Calais—1–Vt. 3–17. 4–40.

East Grafton—1–Merrimack. 2–Mrs. L. H. Bullock. 3–13. 4–22.

East Freetown—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Eliza W. Lawrence. 3–12. 4–22. 5–$5.

Eastport—1–Maine. 2–Miss Maud Stackhouse. 3–55. 4–27. 5–$33.

Fall River, Franklin St.—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Frances W. Moore, 35 Bigelow St. 3–32. 4–9. 5–$100. Junior—Eleanor S. Chace, 346 Durfee St. 3–25. 5–$10.10.

Fall River, Bogle St.—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Mrs. I. L. Bassett. 3–59. 4–31. 5–$10.

Franklin, N. H.—1–Merrimack. 2–Miss Mary A. Rowell. 3–50. 4–14. 5–$25.

George's Mills, N. H.—1–Merrimack. 2–Miss Ida E. Holmes. 3–13. 4–6.

Haverhill, Mass.—1–Rockingham. 2–W. D. Stearns.

Hill, N. H.—1–Merrimack. 2–R. M. Wright. 3–28. 4–9. 5–$5.

Hill Center—1–Merrimack. 2–Mrs. Martha Mason. 3–15. 4–1.

Kittery, Me.—1–Rockingham. 2–Mrs. Florence Cook. 3–40. 4–38. 5–$10.

Kittery Point—1–Rockingham. 3–31. 5–$10.

Laconia, N. H.—1–Merrimack. 2–Mrs. E. W. French. 3–75. 4–7. 5–$10.

Lincoln—1–Vt. 3–30. 4–25.

Lovell Center, Me.—1–York and Cumberland. 3–20. 4–8.

Lubec—1–Maine. 2–Mrs. E. A. Goodwin. 3–40. 4–24. 5–$10.

Lynn—1–Mass. and R. I.

Manchester, N. H.—1–Rockingham. 2–Miss Minnie Salisbury. 3–75. 4–7. 5–$5.

Mansfield—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Jessie Sherman. 3–27. 4–12. 5–$5.

Millbridge—1–Maine. 2–Mrs. Ella Brown. 3–27. 4–97. 5–$5.

New Bedford, First—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Nellie C. Stetson, 39 North St. 4. 5–$10.

New Bedford, Middle St.—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Mrs. Margaret E. Calman. 3–20. 4–6. 5–$50.

New Bedford, Spruce St.—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Bertha D. Reld. 3–32. 4–5. 5–$5.

New Bedford, Bonney St.—1–Mass. and R. I.

New London, Connecticut—3–29. 4–6.

Newton, N. H.—1–Rockingham. 2–Miss Carrie Currier. 3–35. 4–4.

North Dartmouth—1–Mass. and R.

I. 2–Mrs. I. B. Poole. 3–23. 4–25. 5–$20.

North Dighton—1–Mass. and R. I.

North Lubec—1–Maine. 2–Mrs. Harry Ramsdell. 3–17. 4–20. 5–$5.

North Westport—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Miss Rosetta M. Hicks. 3–24. 4–9. 5–$5.

Ogunquit, Me.—1–York and Cumberland. 2–Dan. W. Perkins. 3–10. 4–8. 5–$5.

Pine Point, Maine—1–York and Cumberland. 2–Lucy E. Leavitt. 3–27. 4–30. 5–$5.

Portsmouth—1–Rockingham. 2–Mrs. Catharine Dane. 3–19. 4–4. 5–$10. Junior—5–$5.

Providence—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Caroline A. Vaugher. 5–$20.

Randolph—1–Vt. 2–Mrs. E. O. Blanchard. 3–46. 4–10. 5–$25. Junior—5–$5.

Rockland, R. I.—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Sarah E. Olney. 3–21. 4–12. 5–$5.

Rye, N. H.—1–Rockingham. 3–29. 4–25.

Shrewsbury—1–Vt. 2–Dr. A. T. Moore, North Shrewsbury. 3–53. 4–3. 5–$5.

Somerset—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Mrs. W. H. Sanford. 3–37. 4–13. 5–$10. Pottersville, Mass.

South Berwick Junction—1–York and Cumberland. 2–Abbie E. Ford. 3–28. 4–5. 5–$5.

South Berwick and Wells—1–York and Cumberland. 2–Mrs. Chas. A. Thurrell, N. Berwick, Me. 3–27. 4–5. 5–$5.

South Portsmouth, R. I.—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Mrs. Anna G. Sherman. 3–23. 4–13. 5–$10.

South Westport—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Bella Smith. 3–30. 4–6. 5–$20.

Swansea Center—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Jennie M. Phillips. 3–20. 4–8. 5–$15.

Westerly, R. I.—1–Mass. and R. I. 2–Mary E. Miner. 3–58. 4–8. 5–$40. Junior.

Wolfboro, N. H.—1–Rockingham. 3–47. 4–16.

REV. G. A. CONIBEAR, FREETOWN, MASS.

REV. G. A. CONIBEAR is one of the best known, if not the best known, of our Christian Endeavor workers. It was largely through his efforts that the Christian Endeavor Department of the A. C. C. was organized at the Haverhill (Mass.) Convention in 1894. With boundless enthusiasm he threw himself into the work, and soon had most of our conferences organized with a Christian Endeavor Department and a Secretary. He earnestly advocated among the New England societies the plan of supporting a missionary in Japan. The New England societies responded enthusiastically and, as a result, Miss Penrod (see p. 52) is supported in her field. Brother Conibear is located at Freetown, Mass., and is President of the New England Convention.

Woodstock—1–Vt. 2–Maria R. Tafts, Taftsville. 3–41. 4–9. 5–$10. Junior—Mrs. Ida B. Chandler, Superintendent.

York—1–York and Cumberland.

2–Mrs. F. D. Moses, York Corner, Me. 3–13. 4–13. 5–$13.

Summary—58 societies reporting: amount of money reported for missions, $556.10; active membership, 1,485; associate, 676.

Illinois and Other Western States.

(1–Conference. 2–Corresponding Secretary. 3–Active Members. 4–Associate Members. 5–Missionary Money. 6–Money for all other purposes.)

Antioch—1–Union, Iowa. 2–Jenet Kyle, Perlee, Iowa.

Arthur, Ill.—2–Gertrude Sears. 3–35. 4–20.

Atwood, Ill.—2–Miss Gertie Helton. 3–26. 4–16. 6–$5.26.

Bethel—1–Ill. Central. 2–E. B. James, Mansfield.

Bethlehem—1–Union, Iowa. 2–E. K. Daugherty, Eldon. 3–26. 4–9.

Bethsaida—1–South. Ind. and Ill. 2–Miss Cora Norris. 3–15. 4–2. Junior—Miss Mary Barrett, Superintendent.

Bismarck, Ill.—2–Irwin Starr. 3–22. 4–17. 5–$17.

Britton—1–Michigan. 2–Gertrude Kniffen. 3–41. 4–28. 5–$1.88.

Danville—1–Ill. Central. 2–F. W. Armstrong. 3–15. 4–6.

Eaton, Ill.—2–W. E. Hoel. 3–22.

Fairview—1–Southwest. Iowa. 2–Alma Jones, Stuart, Iowa. 3–34. 4–8. 5–$5.25.

Farmer City, Ill.—2–E. B. James. 3–15.

Piatt—1–Ill. West. 2–Jacob Morris. 3–20. 4–14. 5–$3.07. Junior—Kittie Hodson, Superintendent. 3–17. 6–$3.57.

Forest Hill—2–Mrs. Maggie Steeley, State Line, Ill. 3–23. 4–4. 5–$5.

Griswold, Iowa—2–Miss Clara Roberts. 3–29. 4–26. 5–$12. 6–$2.

Hardinsville, Ill.—2–W. E. Houts. 3–25. 4–2.

Heathsville, Ill.—2–Miss Grace Walters. 3–10.

Hord, Ill.—2–Frank Giddings. 3–9. 4–6.

Rev. P. W. McReynolds, Marshall, Mich.

The Marshall Christian Church was organized in 1850. In 1851 the present building was opened. In November, 1893, the church was virtually dead, when Rev. P. W. McReynolds took charge. At his first service only twelve persons pledged their support, and the Sunday school needed an entirely new start. The church now has 130 members, Sunday school 200 members, and both Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies are in a healthy condition. The church now has the neatest audience room in the city. The Marshall *Chronicle* says: "This has been accomplished through the untiring efforts of the pastor, Rev. P. W. McReynolds. No pastor in Marshall has a larger circle of friends, and none witness such visible results from their efforts." Rev. McReynolds is but twenty-four years old. At twenty graduated in the theological course at Union Christian College. In 1895 completed the classical course at Hiram College, Ohio. Brother McReynolds is loved by his people.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MARSHALL, MICHIGAN.

Hunt City, Ill.—2–W. H. Halterman. 3–14. 5–$2.50.

Industry—1–Ill. West. 2–Miss Florence Sullivan. 3–16. 5–$1.

Lake City, Iowa—1–Southwest. Iowa. 2–Louie Baden. 3–13. 4–8.

Lake Fork—1–Ill. Central. 2–Mrs. A. Quick. 3–26. 4–16. 6–$5.26.

Lane, Kansas—2–Miss Maggie Foster. 3–30. 4–10. Junior.

Linden, Iowa—1–S. W. Iowa. 2–Mary Burnham. 3–18. 4–3.

Loucks Grove—1–Southwest. Iowa. 2–Ida Low, Stuart, Iowa. 3–36. 4–19.

Marshall, Mich.—2–Earnest Hatch. 3–35. 4–7. 6–5. Junior—Myrtle Binder, Secretary. 3–45. 6–$32.

Muncie—1–Ill. Central. 2–W. Purnell. 3–35. 4–7. 5–$14.25.

Newton—1–South. Wabash, Ill. 2–Wm. Cox. 3–16. 4–10. 5–$1.

Oak Grove—1–Union, Iowa. 2–Hattie DeWitte, Letts, Iowa. 3–19. 4–9. 6–$2.19.

Oak Grove, Second—1–Union, Iowa. 2–John Williams, Myrtle, Iowa. 3–25. 4–9. 6–$2.20.

Olive—1–Ill. Central. 2–Miss Maude Biddlecome, Deers, Ill. 3–20. 4–7.

Palestine, Ill.—2–Frank Walker. 3–35. 4–3.

Pleasant View—1–Ill. Central. 2–Mae Hollandsworth, Bismarck, Ill. 3–22. 4–17. 6–$17.

Robinson, Ill.—2–Harry Brown. 3–39. 4–1. 5–$5.84.

Sandusky—1–Union, Iowa. 2–Miss M. Cruswell. 3–16. 4–13. 6–$1.25.

Shiloh—1–Union, Iowa. 2–Eva Van Nostrander.

Willow Prairie—1–South. Wabash, Ill. 2–Pansy Frederick.

Sumner—1–South. Wabash, Ill. 2–Ida Harbough. 2–37. 4–8. 5–$1.

South Prairie—3–15.

Trimble—1–South. Wabash, Ill. 2–Tell Trimble. 3–12. 4–19.

Union Christian Chapel—1–Ill.

Central. 2–Lena Albers, Pierson, Ill. 3–27. 4–2.

Urbana—1–Ill. Central. 2–Deba Gorman. 3–30. 5–$4. 6–$30.

Winterset, Iowa—1–Southwest. Iowa. 2–Louie Haines. 3–34. 4–3. Junior—Mrs. L. S. Howlette, Superintendent. 3–46. 6–$10.00.

Summary—43 societies reporting 919 active and 305 associate members; $124.79 for missions, and $102.73 for other work.

NORTH CAROLINA (COLORED).

(1–Conference. 2–Corresponding Secretary. 3–Active Members. 4–Associate Members. 5–Missionary Money. 6–Money for all other purposes.)

Christian Chapel—2–Emiline Richeson, New Hill, N. C.

Christian Home—2–Miss Endora Battle, Apex.

Ebenezer—2–Rev. T. J. Levister, Greensboro.

Franklinton—2–Miss Mattie Magfield. 3–38. 5–$2.

Franklinton College—2–Miss Mauna Loa Stanley. 3–42. 5–$6.

Kinche's Chapel—2–S. W. Jones, Franklinton. 3–14.

Maple Temple—2–Rev. Wm. Williams, Raleigh. 3–56.

Bethel—2–John Dunn, Raleigh. 3–25.

West Raleigh—2–Miss Lucy Fykes. 3–26.

Summary—Nine societies, six of which report 201 members, and two report $8 raised for missions.

The A. C. C. and the Y. P. S. C. E.

By Rev. P. A. Canada.

AT the Quadrennial Convention at Haverhill, Mass., October, 1894, the Christian Endeavor Department of the Convention was born. This is therefore the youngest child of the Convention, and is exceedingly active and vigorous. From the very first this child has been able to stand alone, and has never required any nursing. It has not only fed itself, but has been useful in helping to feed the other children, especially the missionary twins known as Home and Foreign, having a decided preference for the latter. Why this preference? Because the latter seems to have fewer friends and even some bitter foes in the household. Some of the fathers advocated casting out the latter. Also, the Endeavor babe noticed that the former was fed and supported by the large child known as Sunday School. So in order that there might be no conflict or confusion Christian Endeavor adopted the weaker of the twins known as Foreign Missions, and is just beginning to discover that the more it does for this weak one the more its own strength and wealth increases. The stronger Foreign Missions grows, the stronger Home and Sunday School and all other legitimate children of the A. C. C. become.

Dropping the figure, our Christian Endeavor Department is most flourishing. The work of this department is mainly twofold: First, to extend Christian Endeavor to every church north, south, east, and west. Aided by a corps of consecrated district or conference Christian Endeavor secretaries, the work is rapidly extending. Secondly, to organize more thoroughly the work as it already exists. It is desirable that every society should be a genuine Christian Endeavor Society, true to the pledge and to every Christian Endeavor principle, that every member be loyal to Christ and faithful to the church and pastor—true yoke-fellows. * * * —*Herald of Gospel Liberty, Nov. 26, 1896.*

REV. C. A. TILLINGHAST, STANFORDVILLE, N. Y.,

Secretary Sunday-School Department, American Christian Convention, and Professor of Biblical History and Christian Missions at the Christian Biblical Institute.

AMONG the prominent men of the Christian Church is our beloved Professor of Biblical History and Christian Missions at the Biblical Institute, the Rev. C. A. Tillinghast. He was born in Foster, Providence County, Rhode Island, on the 26th of May, 1840. Brother Tillinghast has always been a painstaking and industrious student. He is possessed of a clear and analytical mind, and masters whatever he undertakes. As a preacher, he is logical and forceful; his diction is faultless, and his thought and manner convincing.

He began to preach in 1865, and was ordained to the Christian ministry and installed as pastor at Summit, Rhode Island, on September 22, 1867. He organized the church at Summit, and on the Sunday following his ordination, baptized 32 candidates and received to membership. And he was a settled pastor continuously for 27 years, at Summit, R. I., for three years at Somerset, Massachusetts, and Steep

Brook for 9 years, and at Providence, Rhode Island, from 1879 to September 1, 1893, when, owing to failing health, he was compelled to resign.

From the beginning of the school year in 1895, Brother Tillinghast has eminently filled the chairs of Biblical History and Christian Missions at the Biblical School, Stanfordville, N. Y. Here, as everywhere, the responsive heart, the kindly nature, the clear and comprehensive thought of this scholarly Christian minister characterizes the man. Prof. Tillinghast's work, and personal force, and wise counsels in the school and home of the students are invaluable. No man is better fitted for such an important position.

LESTER HOWARD.

Sunday-School Department of the American Christian Convention.

By Rev. C. A. Tillinghast, Secretary, Stanfordville, N. Y.

THE Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. have become most important agencies in all church work. The latter is especially the school of applied Christianity, in which our young people are drilled in the practical application of the principles learned in the Sunday school. That these principles should be correctly and thoroughly taught is a matter of fundamental importance. The Sunday school has come to be the Bible school of the church, both for young and old, thus relieving the pulpit of much of its former work and very materially increasing the efficiency of Biblical preaching.

The better his congregation understands the Bible, the easier it is for the preacher to enforce his thought; the more exclusively he can give himself to the presentation of practical duties and the awakening of inspiration to do them. The increased enthusiasm given to the Sunday-school work by the adoption of the International Sunday-school System is one of the most significant ways in which God is fitting his church for the great conflict of the coming century. The strong interest naturally awakened by the thought that people in all parts of the world are studying the same lesson each week; the vast amount of exegetical and practical truth brought out by the focusing of the world's best thought upon it; the enthusiasm and spiritual unity begotten by national, international, and interdenominational conventions are sufficient reasons for its universal adoption. I strongly recommend all our Sunday schools to use it.

And the importance of Sunday-school work is so great that it is necessary for all our conferences to organize a special department in its interest. This I have been urging upon them for the past two years. The response is comparatively slow. Of the seventy-one conferences and state conventions which I have entered upon my books, only twenty-two (a little less than one-third) have such a department, so far as they have reported to me. There is no end to ways in which a wide-

awake Sunday-school secretary can increase the efficiency of the schools of his conference.

The holding of Institutes for the discussion of new and important topics in sections not easily reached by larger conventions is one which has been found to be very helpful. Two or three schools, in sparsely settled districts, can be combined for such work. An interesting program, arranged by the secretary, can be used in several different sections of a conference, so reaching all.

Home Department work is very fascinating, broad in its application, and rich in results. It carries the knowledge and comfort of the gospel to many lonely hearts not otherwise reached. Pastor's calls are too often like angel visits, "few and far between,"—and, alas! too often unlike angel visits, in that they are, not unfrequently, mere social calls or purely perfunctory, conveying no divine message. The angels always bring some definite word from God when they come, and so will the Sunday-school lesson when properly studied.

I hope that conference secretaries will thoroughly inform themselves with reference to this work, and use their utmost efforts to develop it. I hope also that they will keep constantly before their schools the importance of constant giving for missionary purposes. Nothing will more surely enlarge the hearts of our children; and with the habit once formed, the coming generation will give spontaneously and largely for this, the most important work of the Church during the coming century. I am sure that the one-cent-a-week plan for children, and two cents for adults, is the best plan which has been suggested, and that it will give most gratifying and surprising results if vigorously pushed. Whatever I can do to assist secretaries in carrying out these various lines of work I shall be glad to do, if they will correspond with me.

I wish once more to call attention to the importance of collecting and forwarding to me careful statistics.

No question is more frequently asked me than how to study the Sunday-school lesson. In an article published in the *Herald of Gospel Liberty* two or three years ago I answered the question to my best ability, and perhaps I can make no better use of the space left me than by reproducing it in a more permanent form. No question can be of more vital importance. The method is substantially the one I am using in training the students of the C. B. I. for Sunday-school work, only I add to it the making of sermon sketches, sometimes selecting a text for them which involves some central truth of the lesson, and sometimes leaving them to choose for themselves. The article referred to was entitled:

"HELPS."

Whether they are helps or hindrances depends upon the use we make of them. It takes brains to use brains, and he who depends upon borrowed thought makes sorry work. Many a Sunday-school

teacher lumbers his head with thoughts too large and heavy for him to handle and entirely unsuited to his purpose. How to study the lesson and how to use the means is an art, and he who does not study how to study will study to little purpose. I offer a few suggestions in the line of the plan which I have tested by years of practice:

1. *Read the lesson*—not from the Quarterly alone, but from the Bible. Read the connections, so as to have a continuous reading from lesson to lesson. Read parallel passages and compare. If the lesson is in the Gospels, have a good harmony, so that you may have the different passages side by side before your eye.

2. *Pray.* The Spirit of Truth is absolutely essential to the understanding of truth. This is a universal philosophy, true of the lowest forms of truth, but especially true of the higher, and rising in significance in direct proportion to the subtlety of the truth in hand, and most important of all in spiritual truth. As well try to pierce midnight with the unaided eye as to try to understand God's Word without the Holy Spirit. As well try to run an engine without steam as to try to teach without it. It is the Guide into all truth that Christ has sent to our aid—the Teacher of teachers—which we neglect to our everlasting confusion. Pray for it every time.

3. *Acquaint yourself with facts*—dates, persons, places, customs, etc. Get all the information you can bearing upon the subject. Carefully study the meaning of the text—the exact thought intended to be conveyed.

4. *Make your practical applications.* This is where many fail; it is one of the especially weak points in Sunday-school teaching. It is one thing to bring a large store of knowledge to a class; it is quite another to teach them how to use it—to show them the relation it sustains to their own individual lives. It is one thing to bring them a measure of meal; it is quite another to so put the "leaven" into it that it shall become living bread. Yet if you fail here you fail in the most vital point.

Seek to find what there is in the lesson to meet your own personal need, and of the individuals of your class. Draw these lessons for yourself. A little practice will soon develop the ability. Take each verse and write out one or more practical lessons, however trite. Little by little, as the habit grows, the suggestions will multiply and become more profound and rich. And they are all the more interesting and effective because they are your own. Truth which you discover for yourself comes to you with all the force of a new revelation. It enters into and possesses you, and in a certain sense it *is* a new revelation. Truth is prismatic, and every human soul is a new prism unlike every other, passing through which the truth takes on new shades of meaning and new forms of beauty. It is true that the Book of revelation is closed—the letter is never to be added to, but the meanings that may be evolved from it by the

magician of life are as infinite as the thoughts that may be expressed by the letters of the alphabet. God's revelations will not end until the last chapter of human history is written. Let the truth pass through you and receive the new impress of your own personality—yourself a new revelation from God. Add something to the sum total of revealed truth. Truth is kaleidoscopic. Every new combination adds a new pattern to its sublime forms. Let your own personal relations give a new turn to it.

Charcoal and the diamond are precisely alike in substance. A different arrangement (probably) of the atoms that compose the molecules of each makes the difference between them—a mere matter of relative positions. Put yourself in the relation of a discoverer to truth and it will be like the diamond—radiant with light and beauty; put yourself in the relation of a borrower and it is too often like charcoal—opaque, lusterless, sometimes smut.

And truth that you have discovered for yourself you know how to apply. You see at once the bearing of it. It is, in a certain sense, native to you. A small truth fully grasped is far better than a large one half understood, as the simple sling was more effective in David's hand than Saul's sword. Gather your own pebbles and sling them as best you may, and Goliath's sword will soon be flashing in your hands.

5. *And lastly, turn to your lesson helps.* After the lesson has been thus carefully studied and applied they will be real helps—confirming and more clearly defining your own thought—giving new suggestions and carrying the thought of the lesson, to which you have given direction, on to higher and more specific conclusions.

The International Uniform Lesson System.

I. INTRODUCTION.

1. The International Uniform Lesson System as it exists to-day is the growth of the ideas of several persons, and is the result of the evolution of several plans. We can in this place only point out the principal points in the history.

II. BEGINNINGS.

1. The "Limited Lesson Scheme" was inaugurated in 1825 and was so called to distinguish it from the then existing custom of teaching on the whole Bible and memorizing verses. To limit the lesson to a given passage or section of scripture was the plan. It was indorsed and largely extended by the American Sunday-School Union, later under the title of "Selected Lessons."

2. Conventions and Institutes had been inaugurated, and had done much to mold sentiment in favor of plans to improve Sunday-school instruction.

3. The First National Convention, held in 1832, and those following attracted attention as never before to the Sunday-school movement.

4. The *Sunday-School Teachers' Quarterly* was begun in 1865 by Rev. J. H. Vincent (now bishop). This afterward became the *National Sunday-School Teacher*, monthly. The *Quarterly* had given a series of lessons prepared by the London Sunday-School Union, and another by the editor.

5. Rev. J. H. Vincent, who had been editing the *Quarterly* under the direction and in the employ of the Chicago Sunday-School Union, moved to New York, where he began the "Berean Series" for his denomination.

6. Rev. H. L. Hammond and Rev. C. R. Blackall in turn were editors of the Chicago publications, and they were followed by the Rev. Edward Eggleston, who made the lessons in the *National Sunday-School Teacher* quite popular.

7. Other publications adopted the *Teacher's* course of lessons, giving their own expositions, among them *The Standard* (Baptist), of Chicago, in which Mr. B. F. Jacobs gave, in December, 1867, the notes for the first Sunday in January, 1868, the first lesson notes ever published regularly by any weekly paper in this country.

III. National Uniformity.

1. In 1867 Mr. B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago, conceived the idea of extending the benefit of uniformity to the whole country, and so to the whole world, and began to agitate the subject before conventions and Sunday-school associations.

2. The plan met with strong opposition from many quarters; but it continued to gain friends.

3. Mr. Jacobs, who had charge of the separate conference of superintendents at the time, reported to the National Convention at Newark in 1869, "That a uniform lesson is essential to the highest success of every school, and that it is practical and desirable to unite all the schools of our whole country upon one and the same series."

4. At Mr. Jacobs' suggestion representatives from 29 religious publishing houses met August 8, 1871, to consider the subject of uniform lessons.

5. This meeting of publishers finally resolved to try the experiment, and appointed a committee of five to select a series of lessons for 1872. The five appointed were Drs. Eggleston, Vincent, and Newton, Rev. H. C. McCook and B. F. Jacobs.

6. Three of this committee, in the absence of the two others, decided it could not be done then, that a series of lessons could not be agreed upon, and sent a notice to the papers headed "Uniform Lessons—The Failure."

7. By Mr. Jacobs' persistence the decision was reversed the next morning, the card to the public recalled, and a notice published that a series of lessons would be forthcoming soon.

IV. First Series of Lessons.

1. The first series of uniform lessons was that prepared for the publishers for 1872 by B. F. Jacobs, Dr. J. H. Vincent, and Edward Eggleston.

V. Lesson System Adopted.

1. The plan was adopted in the Fifth National Convention, held in Indianapolis, April 16-19, 1872, and the first International Lesson Committee was appointed.

VI. Became International.

1. When the agitation for national uniformity was going on, or after it was assured, Dr. J. H. Vincent was in correspondence with the leaders in Great Britain with a view to the adoption of their same series of lessons.

2. This was consummated through the London Sunday-School Union, and English corresponding members were added to the Lesson Committee.

3. To-day the same series of lessons are used round the world, the religious bodies not adopting them being insignificant in comparison with the millions who are using them.—*Selected.*

The Home Class Department.

I. Introduction.

To recognize the purpose of the Sunday school is to recognize the need of special plans to bring under Biblical instruction that vast host of persons not brought into Sunday school by the ordinary and long established means. The Home Class Department stands at the very head of the most modern methods for this purpose, as it is the thorough organizing of practical ideas and making them effectual in Sunday-school evangelization.

II. Origin.

While there were branch, neighborhood, mission, and even family Sunday schools prior to the year 1881, it remained for Wm. A. Duncan, Ph. D, of Syracuse, N. Y., then and still the Executive Chairman of the New York State Sunday-School Association, to originate and put in operation, first in his state, and then throughout the world, the Home Class Department; both to bring all the classes into vital connection with some organized school and to have the schools extend their benefits to countless other classes, and to individuals not attending Sunday school.

III. Development.

1. The first leaflets were issued in 1881. Dr. Duncan began the work in connection with the New York State Sunday-School Association, and the field workers began the organization of departments, the practical effort to realize the motto of their association, "The Bible in the hands of the living teacher to every man, woman, and child in the state."

2. The work soon spread to other states, and later to foreign countries.

3. The International Home Department Association was organized with Dr. W. A. Duncan, Syracuse, N. Y., president; Dr. M. C. Hazard, Boston, editor; W. N. Hartshorn, Boston, treasurer; W. H. Hall, West Hartford, Conn., secretary, and J. B. Patton, D.D., Nottingham, F. F. Belsey, London, and Chas. Waters, London, vice-presidents for England.

IV. Explanation.

a. Aims—1. Promotion of Bible study. 2. The increase of attendance on the main school. 3. The increase of attendance upon the services of the church and the formation of a bond of union between non-attendants and the church. 4. The salvation of souls. 5. The increase of church membership. 6. The increase of contributions to the benevolent causes of the church. 7. The promotion of Christian usefulness.

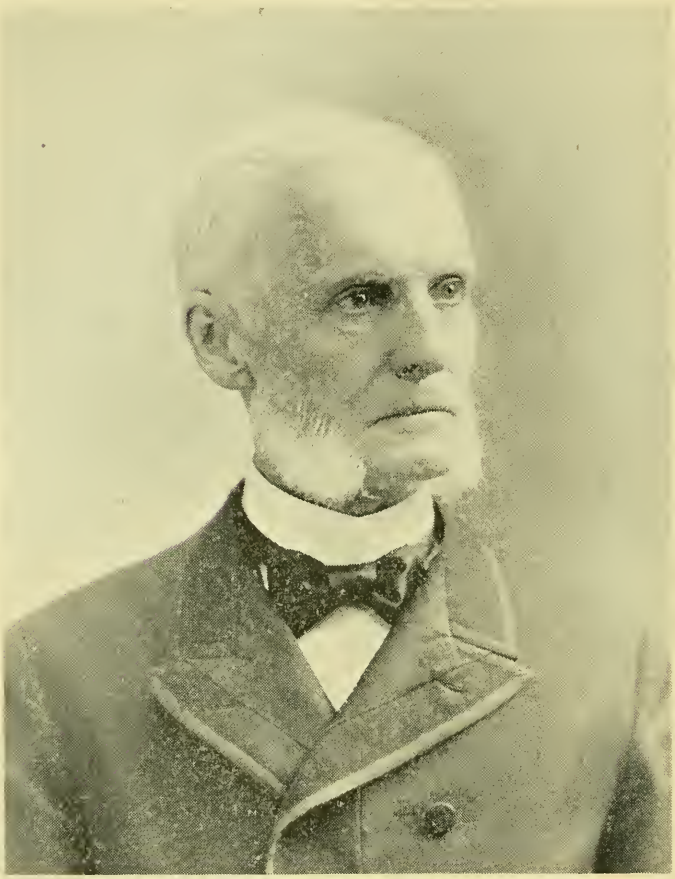
b. Definitions—1. Class. A Home Class is made up of one or more persons pledged to study the Sunday-school lesson at home, in connection with some Sunday school, at least a half hour each week.

A class may be: (*a*) A class of individuals each studying alone, but under the supervision of one visitor; (*b*) a family class; (*c*) a correspondence class; (*d*) a neighborhood class; (*e*) a combination of several or all of these.

2. Department: A Home Department is made up of all of the home classes formed in connection with any Sunday school, and is a recognized branch of the school under a superintendent appointed in accordance with the rules governing the school.

V. Conclusion.

The Home Class Department is the outreaching arm of the church; that arm is reaching the non-attendants and the unsaved by the thousands. No church or Sunday school can afford not to have a Home Class Department.—*Selected.*



Rev. J. G. Bishop, Dayton, Ohio,
Secretary Missionary and Church-Extension Department, American Christian Convention.

Rev. J. G. Bishop was born in Smith County, Virginia, September 14, 1833; was converted in Madison County, Iowa, September 10, 1848, and a few months thereafter joined the Christian Church—of which he has been a member and for whose interests and enterprises he has labored ever since.

He joined the Des Moines, Iowa, Christian Conference in 1855; was ordained at Winterset, Iowa, September 20, 1856, Dr. N. Summerbell preaching the sermon.

Antedating church houses in that new country, his preaching for the first few years was in log (dwelling) houses, school houses, barns, and groves. In doing this, he rode thousands of miles on horseback.

He has served as pastor in the churches at Winterset, Peru and Polk City, Iowa; Bible Chapel, Mo., (where he organized the first church and built the first Christian church house in that part of the state, which formed the nucleus from which has since grown up the Northeastern Missouri Conference); Springfield and Springboro, Pa.; Hartwick, N. Y.; Vienna, N. J., and Eaton, Ohio.

In the early day—in Iowa—when the principal duty of the delegates to conference was to secure a preacher for the year, the subject of our sketch had a "call" to eight different churches in his own conference at one session.

Being blessed with both pastoral and revival gifts, his services have often been in demand for protracted meeting work outside his own pastorates.

He was secretary of the Des Moines Conference for a number of years; was secretary of the Iowa State Christian Missionary Society for a time; was president of the Erie Conference one year and of the New York State Association four years; has been a member of the Missionary Board for ten years, and secretary of the Missionary and Church Extension Department of the American Christian Convention for the last six years.

He is editor and publisher of the *Christian Missionary*, a live missionary magazine, published in the interest of our beloved Zion.

Christ's cause has been greatly built up through the efforts of Bro. Bishop. B. M. STODDARD.

Missionary and Church Extension Department of the American Christian Convention.

By Rev. J. G. Bishop, Secretary, Dayton, Ohio.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

"*Beginning at Jerusalem . . . to the uttermost part of the earth.*"

THE HOME WORK.—ITS BEGINNINGS.

WHILE nearly all of the early ministers of the Christian Church were practically home missionaries, traveling and preaching, with little or no salary, conducting revivals and establishing churches, still, strange to say, it was late in the present century before they commenced missionary work in any good systematic way or organized form.

The first efforts put forth in this direction were by local conferences. Several conferences organized missionary societies, but through lack of cohesion, and system in raising money, but little money was raised, and consequently little work was done. A few of those conferences, however, have maintained their societies, have systematized their work, have raised some money and done good work.

Later, the conferences of New England organized the "New England Christian Convention," and the conferences in some of the other states united in forming State Associations, or State Conferences, these all having a missionary department. These departments have all done more or less missionary work within their own bounds.

When the American Christian Convention was organized it had a missionary department, but for the lack of any specific system for raising missionary money, this department was practically inoperative for a number of years.

For the quadrennium closing with the Convention of 1878 the Secretary of the Missionary Department reported, by letter, that he had

Rev. A. D. Woodworth, A.M.

Prof. Woodworth, for the last four years superintendent of the mission in Japan, was reared in the Christian Church at Milford Center, Ohio; graduated from Oberlin College, and was a professor in Union Christian College, Indiana, nine years before going to Japan in 1892.

He is a live man, fully abreast of the times in general information, careful and conservative in business, and wise in counsel; while he is fearless and outspoken, yet by gentleness and wise choice of language he rarely offends; a faithful, consecrated missionary.

Toshio Ohta.

Mr. Ohta has been connected with our Japan Mission almost from its beginning, being indeed the first convert baptized by Brother Jones. From the first he has been a helper as interpreter, teacher, preacher. He is of a first-class Japanese family; has relatives in the Japan Parliament; his own father is a manager of a railroad corporation; he has been offered lucrative positions in the government, but he prefers to remain an humble messenger of life and salvation to his people.

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done no work and had no money in the treasury for work. In 1878 Rev. J. P. Watson was elected secretary of the department, and soon began work under the name of the "Children's Mission," calling upon the children for dimes, promising them a missionary as soon as sufficient funds were in hand. Rev. S. W. P. Richardson, of Ohio, was appointed the first home missionary, about January, 1879. The Children's Mission, as inaugurated and pushed by Brother Watson, grew in favor with the children and with the older people.

Dr. N. Summerbell, of sainted memory, was heard to remark: "One of the best things among us is Brother Watson's Dime Mission." Its income was not then confined to dimes, and others than children gave. Rev. J. G. Wilson and Emily,

REV. EMILY K. BISHOP,

President of the Woman's Board for Home Missions and Vice-President of the W. B. for F. M., A. C. C.

his wife, left by bequest, nearly $3,000 as a permanent fund to this mission, which is still bringing its semi-annual income to carry forward this work.

It was not long until several "Children's Missionaries" were in the field. Up to the New Bedford Convention, in 1876, these were, in the main, men appointed by the local conferences to labor within their own bounds, indorsed by Brother Watson, Missionary Secretary, and assisted by the children's dimes, in sums ranging from $50 to $100 annually.

By an amended constitution in 1886, the General Convention provided for a Missionary Board of five, of which the Missionary Department Secretary is one. This board manages the business of the department. It meets annually, the second Wednesday in October. It has systematized its work, as experience and increased knowledge have from time to time indicated; has adopted by-laws for the government of its action in relation to meetings, making appropriations, appointing missionaries in both the home and foreign field, etc.

OUR FOREIGN WORK—ITS BEGINNINGS.

At last the spell was broken. The scales began to fall from our eyes, and our vision was broadening, our insight was deepening so that we could begin to see that "God loved the *world*;" that Jesus "tasted death for every man;" that the gospel was to be preached to "*all nations* and to *every creature*."

As the beginnings of the Christian movement were in the south, if one section had priority of another in point of time, so, whatever thoughts may have been in the minds of brethren in different parts of the country, the first practical steps towards foreign missionary work by our people seem to have been taken in the

SOUTH.

On the 8th day of April, 1883, Rev. P. T. Klapp preached a sermon at the Moore Christian Church, Moore County, N. C., in which he gave an account of the cannibals and of other horrible conditions of the heathen. At the close Brother Rora Womack, who could neither read nor write, said, "Brother Klapp, if that is the true condition of the poor heathen, I feel like I want to do

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NORFOLK, VA.—A HOME MISSION ENTERPRISE.

THIS church was established by the Mission Board, in connection with the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference. The church was organized March 17, 1890; the building was dedicated May 1, 1892—a successful enterprise. Rev. C. J. Jones, D.D., was the first pastor; Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D., is the present pastor.

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something for them," and handed him 35 cents, all the money he had, saying: "If our people will not use it for the benefit of the heathen, I want you to give it to some denomination that will."

Brother Klapp says, (I take these facts from the centennial number of the *Christian Sun*): "I took the money and took the rebuke. Then and there I made up my mind to let that 35 cents be the beginning of a fund in the Christian Church for missionary work. I found Rev. D. F. Jones, J. D. Wicker, and S. B. Klapp to be in sympathy with me. We encouraged each other in the new enterprise, and during the latter part of the year we took collections with the view of beginning foreign missionary work."

On the night before the annual meeting of the North Carolina and

REV. EARL C. FRY,

Graduate from the Biblical School, Stanfordville, N. Y., has the oversight of our mission work in Northern Japan; residence, Sendai.

REV. SUSIE V. FRY,

From U. C. College, Indiana, an efficient, consecrated missionary, is engaged, with her husband, in our work in Northern Japan.

Virginia Conference, November, 1893, these four brethren spent the greater portion of the night, not upon their beds in sleep, but upon their knees in prayer, and in preparation of a paper to present to their conference looking towards the establishing of a mission in foreign lands.

The paper was presented, these four brethren and an M. E. minister present speaking in its favor. Brother Klapp closed his speech by presenting the conference with $100.26 as the result of the collections from six or eight poor churches, which was a proof that our laymen were more ready for this work than the ministers. Brother Klapp says: "We did not get so much as an encouraging look from our leading ministerial brethren during this discussion, much less a helpful speech."

But the leaven was in the meal, and has been doing its work. Our brethren in the south, as a rule, are now friends and supporters of our foreign work.

IN THE NORTH.

But if the south was in advance of the north in this foreign missionary movement, it could have been by only a few months. During the summer of this year—1883—Rev. J. P. Watson, D.D., then of Troy, Ohio, published in the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, a series of articles on foreign missions, urging our people to take up the work. These articles were not without effect. Other brethren began to speak and write favorably on the subject, and soon money began to come in for the work; the first received was one dollar from Isaac

THE CHRISTIANS' MISSION HOME, TOKIO, JAPAN.

THIS building is two and a half stories, with upper and lower verandas, and has nine rooms besides halls and bath room. This is our mission headquarters in Japan. The house is used as a home for missionaries, and a Theological and Training School for native workers. The means for the purchase of this building were furnished by the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Conference.

Kay, M. D., of Springfield, Ohio. During 1884 the receipts became quite frequent, though in small amounts. During the latter part of this year the Northern New Jersey quarterly conference took a public collection which was, probably, the first collection taken by our people in the north for foreign missions In New England the sentiment was growing. In 1885 Rev. Ellen G. Gustin preached her first foreign missionary sermon, "in which," she says, "I made a thorough confession of my neglect and ignorance of Christ's will upon this subject." It was during this year that the Missionary Department was opened in the *Herald* (which is still continued), thus leading to a larger discussion of the subject. There was gradual growth in interest and increase in funds, so that at the New Bedford Convention in October, 1886, it was decided to commence the work.

FIRST MISSIONARY SENT.

In January, 1887, Rev. D. F. Jones, of North Carolina, under

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OJI, JAPAN.

THIS church was organized in 1893, and the building was dedicated in 1894. The house cost the Mission $650; the native Christians purchased the lot for $180. The church has its own native pastor, with preaching, Sunday-school and prayer meeting weekly, and Woman's meetings bimonthly.

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appointment of the Mission Board, started for Japan *via* England, a journey approaching 20,000 miles. Of this journey and of the work following, Brother Woodworth says: "Brother Jones has left no record, except that he made brief visits at Singapore, Shanghai, and Hongkong, landing May 16 at Yokohama. Three weeks later we find him located at Ishinomaki. The first year there were three converts. The next year seven joined by letter and six by profession. The third year twenty-seven joined by confession. The records show the number of members to be forty-four at the end of the third year. About this time the Japanese were having a craze for things foreign. Then they thought it was the proper thing to study Christianity and accept it. Not strange therefore, that the fourth year, 1890, thirty-five new members were added; the Oji flock of sixteen came in, making fifty-one additions that year, the banner year of our mission."

Rev. H. J. Rhodes and wife were

REV. C. TENA PENROD,

FROM U. C. College, Indiana, is associated with Prof. Woodworth in the school and other missionary work in Tokio, Oji, and vicinity; a thoroughly consecrated, indefatigable mission worker.

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sent out in 1889, Rev. A. D. Woodworth and wife and Rev. C. Tena Penrod in 1892, Rev. Earl C. Fry and Rev. Susie V. Gulett in 1894. Brother Rhodes and wife have since returned to this country, and Brother Jones and wife have gone to China, leaving Brother Woodworth and wife, Brother Fry and wife, *nee* Gulett, and Sister Penrod as our present force of missionaries in Japan.

WOMAN'S BOARDS.

When properly understood, no line of Christian work appeals to the sympathies, prayers, and purses of Christian women as does that of missions. Women are the greater sufferers from the ignorance, superstition, oppression, and *cruelty* of heathenism,—in places regarded with less favor than some of the brutes. It is Christianity that sanctifies the home, and lifts woman from the position of a menial to companionship with man and an equal sharer with him in the comforts of this life, as well as the blessings and inspirations that Christianity gives in this world and its hopes for the world to come. As she sees the depths from which Christianity has lifted her, and realizes the heights to which it has exalted her, her heart is moved with gratitude to God and with pity for her unfortunate sisters in heathenism, and she becomes a willing and efficient helper in the cause of missions.

Our women have been identified with our missionary work, especially the foreign work, from its beginning. First, Brother Watson appointed a Woman Missionary Secretary in a few of the conferences. Through these a few church missionary societies were organized.

At the Quadrennial Convention at New Bedford, in 1886, a Woman's Board for Foreign Missions was organized. This board is incorporated in the State of Massachusetts. Their plan of work has been to secure, as far as practicable, woman's missionary boards in the local conferences, and through these missionary societies in the churches; the church societies auxiliary to the conference boards, the conference boards auxiliary to the Quadrennial boards. These boards and societies

have done efficient work, both in increasing missionary sentiment and in raising missionary money.

At the Marion Convention in 1890 a Woman's Board for Home Missions was organized. The plans and purposes of this board are almost identical with those of the Board for Foreign Missions, except that the funds are to be used for work in the home land. This board has also done some efficient work.

The officers of these boards realize that the work has just commenced, that a number of the conferences have yet no woman's board, and comparatively few of the churches yet have missionary societies, that not a tithe of the possibilities have yet been reached in raising missionary money. They have the following points in view:

1. A woman's missionary board in every conference.

2. A missionary society in every church.

3. A copy of the *Christian Missionary* in every family.

THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE WORK

May be indicated by the following from my annual report to the Mission Board at its recent meeting:

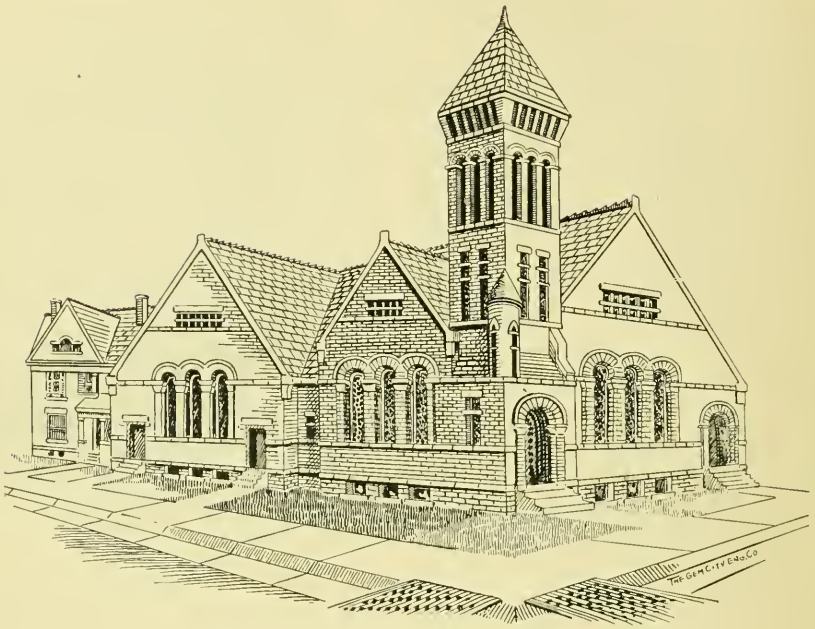
A commendable degree of activity has been manifest on the part of our missionaries, and upon the part of some of our missionary friends and supporters at home, though the "stringency of the times" that are upon us has seriously affected our finances, as well as those of other missionary boards.

IN THE HOME FIELD.

During the year financial aid has been rendered for the cause at Spruce Street, New Bedford, Mass.; Bogle Street, Fall River, Mass. (one quarter); Binghamton, N. Y.; Newark, N. Y.; Barkersville, N. Y.; Erie, Pa.; Columbus, Ohio; Piqua, Ohio; Muncie, Ind.; Kokomo, Ind.; Danville, Ill.; Newton, Ill.; Marshall, Mich.; Lexington, Mich.; Lincoln, Kan.; Lake City, Iowa; Durham, N. C.; Greensborough, N. C.; for evangelistic work in the State of Washington and the Indian Territory, and for the Franklinton (colored) School.

Our workers in these fields have reported for the year, 2,977 sermons preached; 4,180 meetings held; 5,799 pastoral visits made; 455 conversions; 528 members received; 9 churches organized; 17 Sunday-schools organized; $290.56 raised under Quadrennial calls.

There were $342.47 more money raised for Home Missions this year than last year. This is no small encouragement. So far about three-fourths of the receipts for this line of our work are from the Children's Day collections. In addition to the collection cards which are prepared and sent out by the Mission Secretary, this year we offered to place the name of each child who collected one dollar or more on a "Roll of Honor," and give a "Certificate of Membership" in the Boys' and Girls' Missionary Army to each one who secured three dollars or more for the Home Mission collection. As a result we have 502 names on the "Roll of Honor," and have sent out



CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, PIQUA, OHIO.

THIS enterprise was commenced by the Mission Board, with Rev. S. S. Newhouse as minister. The church was organized in November, 1890, with 115 members; the church building was dedicated in October, 1895. Brother Newhouse is still the pastor; a good working church, and a property worth some twenty-five thousand dollars.

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152 "Certificates." Doubtless this helped to secure this increase for our Home Mission-work.

We have been trying to impress our people with the thought of making it not a Children's Day merely, but a Home Mission Day, and that the *churches* should make offerings worthy grown-up Christians. In this, however, our success is not as encouraging as we could wish.

IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.

The following are the statistics of the Japan work for the year closing October 1, 1896:

Number of missionaries, ordained		4
Number of missionaries, unordained		1
Number of native preachers, ordained		2
Number of native preachers, unordained		3
Number of other native helpers		8
Number of principal stations		2
Number of out stations		4
Number of churches, organized		4
Number of church members	Men.....152 Women.....110	262
Added last year		31
Number of Sunday-schools		9
Number of scholars in Sunday-schools		356
One Theological school, with pupils		6
Three day schools, with pupils		80
Money collected by native Christians		$115 28

The appropriations that the board was able to make for the work last year were such that little enlargement of the work, by way of increased number of workers or added schools or stations, could be made. The ground previously taken has,

however, been occupied, with some enlargement, such as the opening of a preaching station in Sendai, with the organization of a Sunday-school and a woman's meeting in the same city under Mrs. Fry. Work was also commenced at one or two new points in the city of Tokio, and in two villages adjoining Oji, near Tokio, by Miss Penrod and Prof. Woodworth.

The Theological and Training School, under Prof. Woodworth, assisted by Miss Penrod and Mr. Ohta, as well as the day schools for Japanese children, have been continued, and are doing good work. Mr. Ichikawa, a native preacher of more than ordinary ability, who, on account of lack of harmony with our first missionary, left our work a few years ago, has returned, and becomes pastor of the Tokio church. This is regarded as a very valuable accession to our working force.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending October, 1896:

Balance October 1, 1895	$4,329 30
Received during year	8,676 29
Total	$13,005 59
Paid out during year	9,110 88
Balance October 1, 1896	$3,894 71

Of the receipts, $4,544.97 was for the home work, and $4,131.32 for the foreign work.

The total receipts for the year were $1,356.73 less than the previous year. But aside from the special fund for the Tokio Mission Home there were but $67.93 less than the previous year.

Of the receipts during the year, $4,444.42 came through the Convention Secretary; $1,500 from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board; $121.20 from the Woman's Home Mission Board; $400 from the Southern Christian Convention; $202.60 from the sale of Children's Day Services; $273.50 from dividends; the balance, $1,734.57, were from Christian Endeavor Societies, personal contributions, and a few conference and other special collections.

The Mission Boards.

Members of the Board of the Missionary and Church-Extension Department of the American Christian Convention.—President, Rev. L. J. Aldrich, D.D., Merom, Ind.; secretary and treasurer, Rev. J. G. Bishop, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. J. J. Summerbell, D.D., Dayton, Ohio; Rev. P. A. Canada, A.M., Albany, New York; Rev. John MacCalman, New Bedford, Mass.

Woman's Board for Foreign Missions, A. C. C.—President, Mrs. Achsah E. Weston, Stanfordville, N. Y.; vice-president, Rev. Emily K. Bishop, Dayton, Ohio; recording secretary, Miss Annie Batchelor, New Bedford, Mass.; corresponding secretary, Rev. Ellen G. Gustin, Attleboro, Mass.; treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Batchelor, New Bedford, Mass.

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Conference Woman's Missionary Boards.

(Some of these are organized simply as foreign mission boards, and others as both home and foreign—to run both lines of the work.)

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Ontario, Canada.—President, Mrs. C. H. Hainer, Stouffville, Ont.; corresponding secretary, Miss E. S. Flath, Wiarton, Ont.; treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Stone, Oshawa, Ont.

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Mrs. C. H. Hainer,
President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board of the Ontario, Canada, Conference.

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Southern Ohio.—President, Miss Estella Shinkle, Higginsport, Ohio; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jennie McCullough, Point Isabel, Ohio; treasurer, Miss Jennie Moreton, New Richmond, Ohio.

Northwestern Ohio.—President, Mrs. S. L. Frier, Spencerville, Ohio; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. J. Hance, Spencerville, Ohio; treas-

urer, Mrs. Lillie Weaver, West Cairo, Ohio.

Central Ohio. — President, Mrs. Julia Butler, Center, Ohio; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mollie Kimball, Milford Center, Ohio; treasurer, Mrs. M. O. Dixon, Milford Center, Ohio.

Eastern Indiana.—President, Rev. Hannah M. Stanley, Economy, Indiana; secretary, Mrs. Kate Byrket, Muncie, Indiana; treasurer, Rev. Annie Coates, Harrisville, Indiana.

Western Indiana.—President, Miss Ina Bowers, Darlington, Indiana; corresponding secretary, Miss Jennie C. Page, Merom, Indiana; treasurer, Mrs. Joanna Warrick, Stonebluff, Indiana.

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Northwestern Indiana.—President, Mrs. Mary E. Cox, Mexico, Indiana; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Arrie Ferguson, New Waverly, Indiana; treasurer, Mrs. Mollie West, Kokomo, Indiana.

Southern Indiana and Illinois.—President, Mrs. Monroe, Haubstadt, Indiana; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ella P. Defur, Stewartsville, Indiana; treasurer, Mrs. Rachel Downen, Sumpter, Illinois.

Central Illinois.—President, Rev. Kate E. Miller, Atwood, Illinois; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ellen M. Rippey, Atwood, Illinois; treasurer, Mary Palmer, Arthur, Illinois.

Southwestern Iowa. — President, Rev. Margaret Wallace, Stuart, Iowa; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Francis, Winterset, Iowa; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Burnham, Linden, Iowa.

The Indiana Miami Reserve Conference has a W. M. B. with officers recently elected, but we have not their names.

MRS. ACHSAH E. WESTON,
President of Woman's Board for Foreign Missions, A. C. C.

The North Carolina Western Conference, at its last session, authorized the organization of a W. M. B., and Mrs. Ellen H. Fleming, of Burlington, N. C., put in charge, the organization to be completed soon.

While the New Jersey Conference has no W. M. B., it has a Mission Secretary, Miss Sadie Howell, Vienna. N. J.

At the last session of the Nebraska Conference, Mrs. Mary Michener, Mrs. Martha Johnson and Mrs. Jane Plessinger, were appointed a committee on W. M. B.

Mrs. Ora P. Godley, of LeGrand, Iowa, is Mission Secretary for the Iowa State Christian Conference.

In view of increasing missionary interest the Missionary Board, at its last session, authorized the appointment of a special missionary secretary in the local conferences, when suitable persons can be secured. A few have been appointed. to-wit: For the Rhode Island and

Massachusetts, Rev. G. A. Conibear, Freetown, Mass.; the Western Indiana, Rev. D. Powell, Wingate, Ind.; Eastern Indiana, Rev. Hannah M. Stanley, Economy, Ind.; Southern Ohio, Rev. L. M. Shinkle, Fivemile, Ohio.

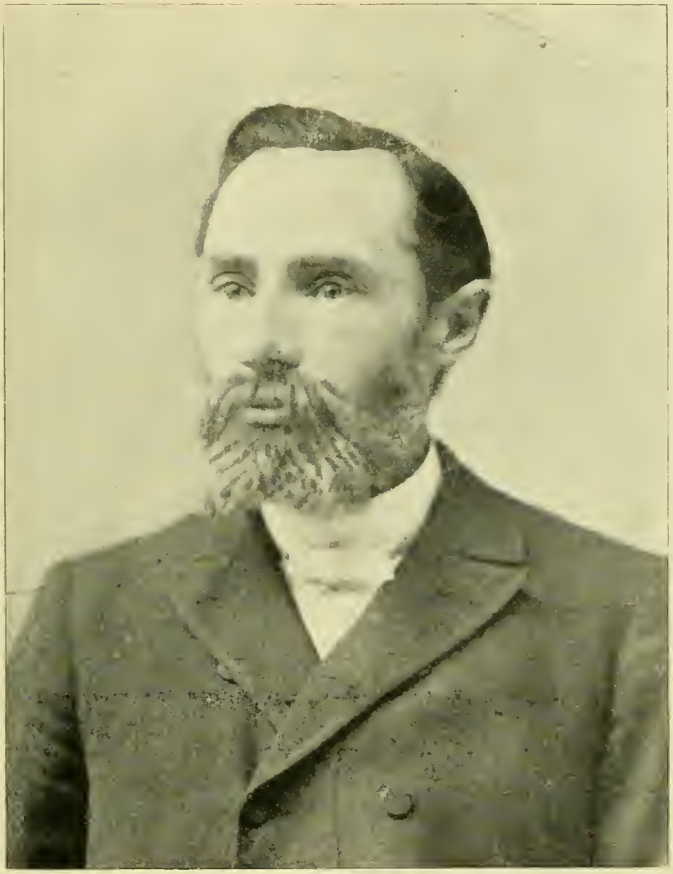
Rev. John MacCalman, New Bedford, Mass.

Rev. John MacCalman is a Scotchman by birth. He was active as an officer of the Free Church in Glasgow, in whose membership he found a liberty of belief that made his association with the Christians in this country very natural. In his Scotch church relation he heard nothing of the creed or confession as anything binding on him. He was a carpenter, and at that trade worked in New York City. He came under the influence of Dr. A. H. Morrill's preaching there, on Thirty-fourth Street. He also listened to Dr. McWhinney. He attended the Christian Biblical Institute, and took rank as one of its most gifted students. His most prominent pastorates have been Schultzville Church, New York, and Middle Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he has labored for a long term of years. His preaching has certain peculiarities that make it exceedingly attractive. His delivery is vehement, rather swift, and artless in manner. His enunciation suggests his Scotland childhood sufficiently to make it agreeable to the ear. He dwells much on the practical and spiritual in Christianity; his sermons are analytical, highly logical, and saturated with what might be called the dogmatics of practical Christian living. In the better sense they might be called very doctrinal, yet he does not confine himself to mere reasoning, but illustrates well. He has always been useful and successful, much of his influence over his people coming from his amiable and devoted Christian conduct. He is a member of the general mission board, and has occupied positions in conference, both in New York and Massachusetts, everywhere being considered wholly reliable, and one competent for any trust. He is now one of our most able ministers, an earnest Bible student, and a devoted follower of Jesus.

J. J. Summerbell.

The Minister's Salary.

Pay that preacher's salary in full. Save your church and yourself the disgrace of a deficit on that claim. Pay every dollar of it if it costs you a sacrifice. Why should you not make a sacrifice? The sacrificing element is the sanctifying element in gifts. Giving your mere surplus or what you can spare without pain amounts to little or nothing. Give deep down until self-denial is touched, and you will feel a joy and a power you never knew before in giving.



REV. MARTYN SUMMERBELL, D.D., PH.D., LEWISTON, MAINE,

President Christian Correspondence College and Secretary Educational Department, American Christian Convention.

REV. MARTYN SUMMERBELL was born at Naples, New York, December 20, 1847. He was prepared for college at an academy at West Randolph, Vermont. Was a student at Union Christian College in 1864 and 1865. Entered the college of the City of New York in 1866, graduating in 1871. Then taught grammar in this college one year. He resigned the position in 1872 to accept the vice-presidency of Friends' Seminary, in New York City, and resigned in 1880. He preached for the Brooklyn Church fourteen years. The work of building up this "Church of the Evangel" is a monument to his energy and devotion.

Brother Summerbell is Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Christian Biblical Institute, Stanfordville, New York. Is also a trustee and member of the Executive Board of the C. B. I. He is pastor of a large congregation at Lewiston, Maine. He is remarkable for industry and faithfulness in all duties committed to him. He is equally remarkable for the thoroughness of his scholarship and the generosity of his spirit.

B. M. STODDARD.

The Educational Department of the American Christian Convention.

Rev. Martyn Summerbell, D.D., Ph.D., Secretary, Lewiston, Maine.

It is a pleasure for the Educational Secretary to greet the readers of the "Christians' Annual" and present the faces of the brethren in this department. And it is further a pleasure to be able to say truly, that in some important respects the educational interests of the denomination were never more promising as to actual condition and future prospect than at the present time.

For one thing, there were never at any previous period so many of our young people who were so eager to improve their educational standing, or so resolutely determined to pursue their studies, be the sacrifice what it may. As I have met them, east, west, and south, I find the one spirit, that of firm resolution to inform themselves by the best methods, and to the largest degree possible. Some are studying with no teacher, some are in school, some are denying themselves to gain the means to enable them to attend school. This better training of our coming generation is to have a most beneficent effect on the life of the denomination.

Another pointer in the same direction is that the schools are gradually improving their plant, and enlarging their facilities, so that they can afford better accommodations for their pupils, as well as lead them further along the path of learning. Every such mark of advancement, such as the new buildings at Elon, or the furnishing of their society halls, or the steam heating apparatus in the Students' Home at Stanfordville, or the new furnaces at Starkey, lends a fresh enthusiasm to both teachers and students. They note with delight each step of progress, encouraged all the more as every advance paves the way for another.

But a very encouraging feature, educationally, is the fact that, with all the depression which business men are complaining of, the educational collection just taken has been the most generous for a long period. A special call was made, and though not all was realized that was asked for, taking into consideration the condition of the country, and the general absorption of thought in the national elections, the response made was so much better than usual, that we all have good reason to rejoice.

It is to the general advantage that the schools and the people shall be in close touch with each other.

The schools need the warm sympathy of the churches, so that neither student nor teacher may fall into the exclusiveness of the book worm, but may make all their studies aids for the better work of life; and the churches want the help of the schools to give them the leaders they want, in the sharp competition which our modern life enforces.

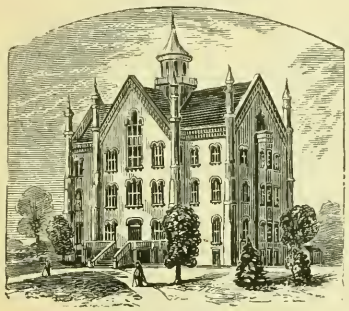
Once more the Educational Secretary gives the churches and the people a hearty greeting, and bespeaks for the presidents and professors of the several schools a fraternal hearing.

MARTYN SUMMERBELL,
Secretary for Education.

LEWISTON, MAINE.

Union Christian College, Merom, Indiana.

THIS college was founded in 1859. Is controlled by the Christians. Stands for Christian education and the unity of the church. The assets of the institution are over $100,000. Its departments are so thoroughly organized that the entire current expenses for instruction rarely exceed $60.00 annually. The college has been served by sixty different trustees, five presidents, forty different members of the faculty. It has had 2,500 different students; graduating 200 of them, three of whom are in foreign mission fields, thirty are in the ministry, and forty-two are teachers and professors. The attendance for 1895–96 was 213, twenty-one of whom graduated. The general advantages offered by the college are of a high grade. Degrees are conferred upon those who have earned them by close study and success. Students are admitted at any time.



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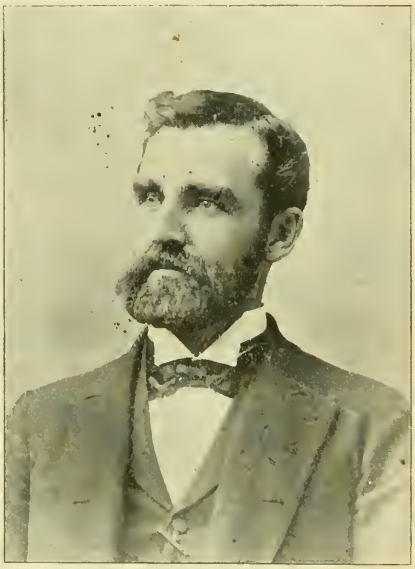
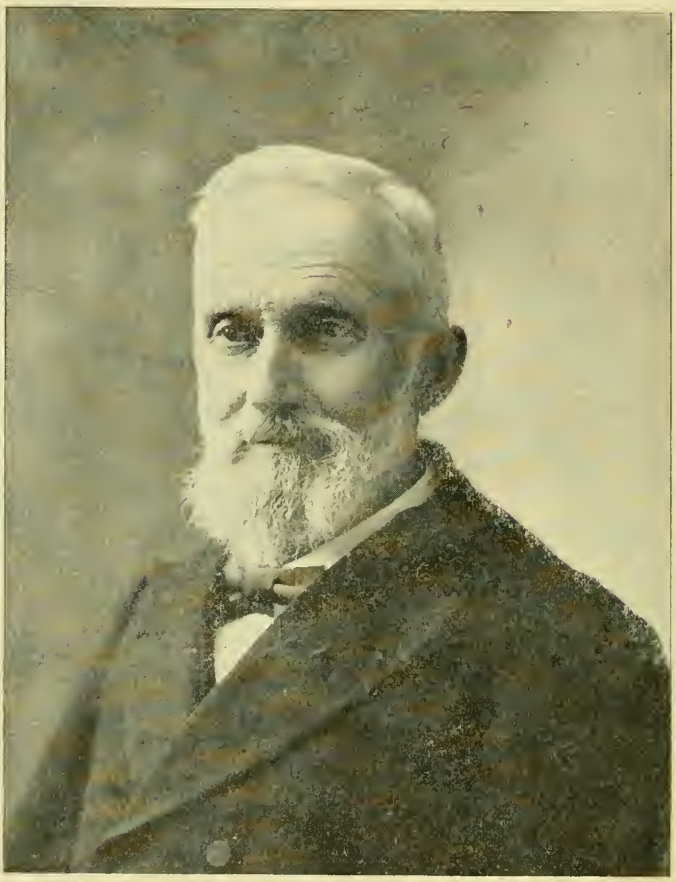
L. J. ALDRICH,
Merom, Ind.

REV. L. J. ALDRICH was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., May 21, 1851. In boyhood he formed strong habits of industry and economy, and at the same time acquired a taste for books. Taught his first school at eighteen. At twenty entered Starkey Seminary, graduating in 1873. Taught two years at Cayuta, N. Y. He next entered Oberlin College, where by manual labor he worked his way through the classical course, graduating in 1880. He was then called to Merom, as principal, preparatory department. Two years later he returned to Oberlin, where in 1885 he received his first degree in Divinity. In 1887 he became president of Union Christian College and pastor of the Christian Church, which position he has served nearly ten years with increased popularity and efficiency. President Aldrich received his doctor degree from Elon College in 1890. He spent one vacation season in travel and study in Europe. Dr. Aldrich is a modest, plain, unassuming man, much loved by all. B. M. STODDARD.



REV. L. J. ALDRICH, A.M., D.D.,
President Union Christian College, Merom, Indiana.



REV. J. B. WESTON, D.D.,
President Christian Biblical Institute, Stanfordville, New York.

REV. J. B. WESTON, D.D., was born in Madison, Maine, July 6, 1821, the son of Stephen and Rebecca Weston. Was converted at the age of fourteen. His early life was spent on a farm, but at seventeen he had fitted himself for teaching, and at twenty-two fitted himself for college in Latin and Greek. In 1843 he joined the Maine Central Conference as a licentiate, and was ordained at West Newberry, Mass., in 1844. He studied Hebrew in Boston under Dr. Eli Noyes. In 1846 he was associated with D. P. Pike and Elijah Shaw in the publication of the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*. In 1853 he entered Antioch College, graduating in 1857. On graduating he became principal of the Preparatory Department and after 1865 Professor of Greek. He taught twenty-eight years in the college. In June, 1860, he married Miss Achsah E. Waite, of Chicago, the present president (see p. 57) of the Woman's Foreign Mission Board. In 1881 he was elected President of the C. B. I., which position he still honors. Most nobly has Dr. Weston served the Christian Church. Long may he live. B. M. STODDARD.

PRESIDENT'S MANSION.

STUDENTS' HOME.

CHRISTIAN BIBLICAL INSTITUTE, STANFORDVILLE, NEW YORK.

THE Christian Biblical Institute was established and is controlled by the Christian denomination. Its special design is to aid in preparation for the ministry in this denomination; but it is open to well-accredited Christians who desire to prepare for the ministry or other gospel work, without regard to sex, age or denominational preferences.

The theological "standard" of the Christian is THE BIBLE. The denomination arose and exists as a protest against the division of the Church of Christ on lines of non-essential dogmas embodied in creeds. It accepts the Bible as revealing to the common sense of men the essential principles which lie at the basis of true faith and life. Hence the object of the school is primarily and chiefly *the study of the Bible*, especially the New Testament; believing that from this source the preacher draws his best preparation for his work. To this are added such studies as are necessary to an intelligent understanding of the Bible and a proper presentation of its truth. We seek a theology that is practical and spiritual, as well as intelligent, rather than dogmatic and fixed. We believe that true theology is broad, reverent and sympathetic; bearing the spirit, as well as declaring the doctrine, of the New Testament,—that it touches the wide interests of man, as well as theories pertaining to the character of God and his government. For all information, address the president,

J. B. WESTON, Stanfordville, N. Y.

Rev. S. Q. Helfenstein.

The "Helfenstein Boys," "S. Q." and "D. M.," were born in Clark County, Ohio, "S." in 1848, "D." in 1852. They received their first lessons in theology from their father, and both were consecrated to the ministry by the prayers of their mother. In 1866 they went with their parents to Iowa and remained with them until they were called "home." From his early boyhood "S. Q." had wanted to preach (and we have no doubt "D. M." did, too), so in September, 1876, he entered the

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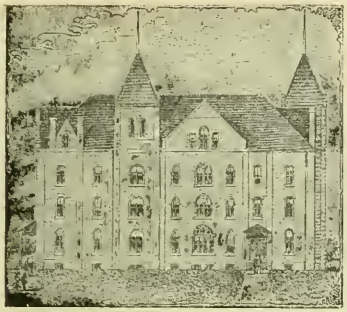
Christian Biblical Institute, where he spent three years. In 1883 they both graduated from the classical course of Parson's College, Fairfield, Iowa, and afterwards both attended McCormick Seminary of Chicago, Illinois, "S. Q." for one year, "D. M." graduating in 1886. Both have been with Presbyterians in their school lives, yet they are firmly-fixed Christians. In 1884 "S. Q." married Lucretia, the eldest daughter of Austin Craig. In 1877 "D. M." married Belle Mauck. "D. M." has been president of Le Grand Christian College since 1889. "S. Q." taught two years at the Christian Biblical Institute, and since has been Professor of Greek and Biblical Instruction in Le Grand. Both of these God-fearing brothers love to teach and preach. The cause of the Christians has prospered wonderfully in Iowa through the untiring efforts of the "Helfenstein Boys." To them Christ is all.

B. M. Stoddard.



Le Grand Christian College, Le Grand, Iowa.

JUST recently nearly four thousand dollars have been expended on Le Grand College buildings, and consequently the comfort of students has been greatly enhanced. No pains are spared to reach the standard of excellence attained by other schools. Each member of the faculty is a specialist in his line of work. Parents, in looking for a suitable place to educate their children, should take the following into consideration:

1. Where will I find a college that has good moral surroundings?
2. Where will I find a college that each member of the faculty has a personal interest in each student?
3. Where will I find a college that seeks to lead the students to the personal acceptation of Christ?
4. Where will I find a college that seeks to make the expense as light as possible?
5. Where will I find a college that the government is homelike?

"At Le Grand, Iowa," may be placed after each one of these questions.

For catalogue, address

D. M. HELFINSTINE,
President.

LE GRAND, IOWA.

LE GRAND, IOWA, November 14, 1896.

For more than three years I have been a student of Le Grand Christian College, and I do not believe its surroundings are equaled by any college west of the Mississippi River. Nor is the quality of the instruction surpassed by any college in the west. And no college giving an equal course has as small expenses.

C. E. HAWK,
Martinsburg, Iowa.

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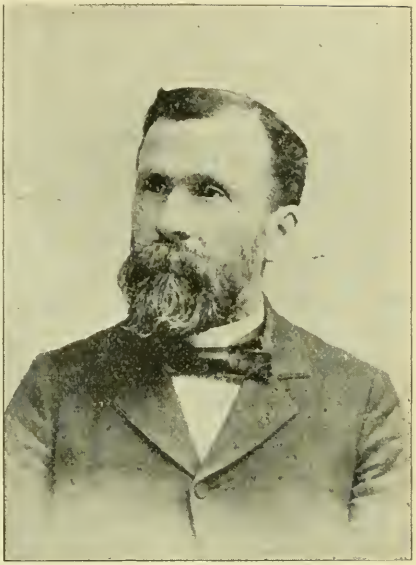


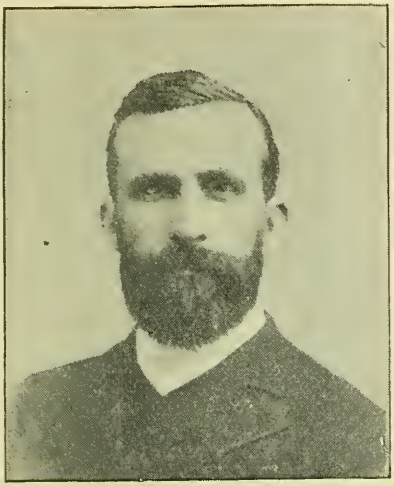
REV. G. R. HAMMOND, PH.D.,
Principal Starkey Seminary, Eddytown, New York.

REV. G. R. HAMMOND was born in Hunters Land, New York, December 11, 1848. In 1863 he united with the Christian Church. He entered Starkey Seminary in 1867 and graduated (as valedictorian) in 1870. He graduated from Antioch College in 1876, also as valedictorian. In his senior year at Starkey he married Miss Dolly Simons. He has taken special studies at Harvard and Syracuse Universities, and the latter institution conferred upon him his Ph.D. in 1886. He has been twice principal of Starkey. After his first term he took an extended trip through Europe. He was pastor at Dayton, Ohio, one year, from which place he returned to Starkey. He is an admirable teacher. "His great forte is in the class room. There he is every inch a king."

B. M. STODDARD.

FOREMAN HALL. (Boy's Dormitory.) HATHAWAY HALL. (Ladies' Dormitory.)

STARKEY SEMINARY is situated in Eddytown, New York, on the Northern Central Railroad, and a mile west of Seneca Lake. The scenery is delightful, location healthful. Five buildings are used by the Seminary —Foreman Hall, Hathaway Hall, Music Cottage, Boarding Hall, and Gymnasium. Starkey Seminary is emphatically a Christian school. It is the aim of those in charge to secure to each student the highest development of character. All departments of the school are under the control of the principal. For further information and catalogue, address G. R. HAMMOND, Eddytown, New York.



REV. W. W. STALEY, D.D., SUFFOLK, VA.,
President Elon College, N. C., and President the Southern Christian Convention.

REV. W. W. STALEY, D.D., President Elon College, worked his own way through the schools. Was born of pious, humble parents in Alamance County, N. C., February 24, 1849. Prepared for college by Rev. W. S. Long, D.D., in Graham, N. C., from 1867 to 1871. Entered Sophomore class in Trinity College, North Carolina, in 1871, and graduated A. B. 1874. He taught in Graham High School from 1874 to 1877; in school at University of Virginia in 1877 and 1878. He married in 1879. He accepted a call to Suffolk Christian Church in 1882, having been ordained to the Christian ministry in 1874. He was chosen president of the General Convention in 1886; attended Hebrew school at University of Virginia in the summer of 1887; chosen non-resident president of Elon College in 1894; pastor of Suffolk Christian Church since 1882; made a tour of Europe, Turkey, Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt in 1895; received A.M. from Trinity College in 1877, and D.D. from Union Christian College in 1893. B. M. STODDARD.

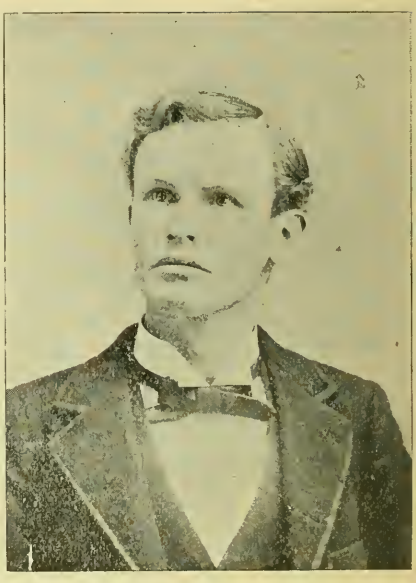
Elon College, North Carolina.

ELON COLLEGE was authorized September 13, 1888; chartered March 11, 1889, and opened to students September 2, 1890, and is the property of the Southern Christian Convention. It was initiated with few supporters, but now has many friends and property valued at *fifty thousand dollars*. It stands in a campus of twenty-five acres, laid out by a landscape gardener and filled with young oaks. It faces the Southern Railway, in grounds beautiful and ample. It has substantial brick buildings, three fine literary society halls, a good library and reading-room, is co-educational, has a faculty of nine, and averages one hundred students. It has graduated thirty-eight with degrees, and several in music and painting. It is separate from cities, in a salubrious climate, practices economy, and maintains a high moral tone. Its growth has been phenomenal, it ranks with the best colleges, and does thorough work. With a history of only six full years it has quickened the pulse of the southern church in education, missions, church building, music, church papers, social and spiritual life. The pulpit speaks with more power and the pew responds with a deeper faith and larger liberality. For catalogue, apply to Rev. J. O. Atkinson, M.A., Chairman of the Faculty, Elon College, N. C.

Kansas Christian College, Lincoln, Kansas.

KANSAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE is located in Lincoln, Kansas, a beautiful town of 1,500 inhabitants. It is positively an educational school. The following extracts are from an article written by Supt. Truman. In speaking of Kansas College, he says: "This institution is run upon a strictly business basis, by a

KANSAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, LINCOLN, KANSAS.



REV. O. B. WHITAKER, A.M., PD.D.,
President Kansas Christian College, Lincoln, Kan.

man whose appreciation of his responsibility is both acute and judicious. Those whose ambition is to superficially cover ground, or to dawdle away time by ostensibly studying while their minds are occupied with useless reading, will find themselves in hot water from the beginning of the time they enter the college until they take their useless selves to some other field. They will find a school not so large but that every student has the personal attention of the faculty, and that attention is cultured, conscientious and painstaking."

During the year 1895–6, Kansas Christian College enrolled students from many other colleges and high schools, and not a college in the state can boast of enrolling a Kansas Christian College student. For catalogue and full particulars, address the president, O. B. Whitaker, Lincoln, Kansas.

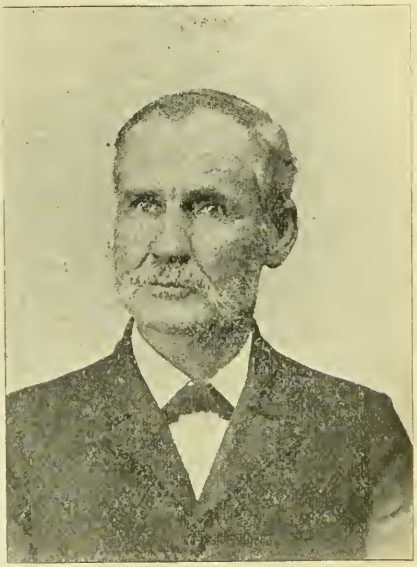
REV. O. B. WHITAKER is a native of Missouri and the oldest son of Dr. J. Whitaker, founder and president of Weaubleau Christian College, of which institution the former is a graduate from the scientific department in the class of '88. In '91 he received his master's degree, and in '94 his *alma mater* conferred upon him the degree of A.M. In '95, Union Christian College conferred upon him the degree of Pd.D.

He began teaching at 18. He rose rapidly. He accepted the presidency of Kansas Christian College, in which position he has labored unceasingly and devotedly for over three years.

He is the author of "*Teacher's and Student's Manual of Elocution and Calisthenics*," which has been introduced as a text-book into several leading educational institutions. He is also author of the "thrilling story" entitled "*Poor Dick and Winning Willie*," and a volume of "*lectures and poems*," both of which were copyrighted in 1896.

B. M. STODDARD.

WEAUBLEAU (MO.) CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.



REV. JOHN WHITAKER, D.D., LL.D.,
President Weaubleau Christian College, Weaubleau, Missouri.

THIS school was incorporated in 1871. Over 1,000 have been enrolled as its students; 28 graduating from its classes. It is situated in the northwestern part of Hickory County, Missouri. Since the founding of the school a village, Weaubleau, of 300 inhabitants, has grown up around it. The citizens are noted for their sobriety and morality. The school has established a reputation second to none in the state. Already the graduates are classed among the leading educators of Missouri, and enjoy the highest honors that the teachers of the state can confer. The curriculum embraces scientific, commercial, and normal courses. For catalogue and further information, address

JOHN WHITAKER, *President.*
WEAUBLEAU, MISSOURI.

REV. JOHN WHITAKER was born in Ohio, August 15, 1842. His parents took him to Iowa in 1845, and in 1858 to Missouri, locating in Hickory County, near the present site of Weaubleau. He attended district school three months each year until he was sixteen, when he entered Union Christian College, remaining two years and four months. When eleven he joined the Christian Church under the labors of Rev. W. H. Phillips. In 1864 was baptized by Dr. N. Summerbell; commenced preaching in 1864; was ordained at Union Christian College, Dr. N. Summerbell preaching the ordination sermon.

Brother Whitaker was representative in the Missouri legislature two sessions. Has been superintendent of schools of Hickory County, Missouri; Ford County, Kansas; principal of Kinsley and Meed, Kansas, public schools. He founded Weaubleau Christian College in 1873, and has been at the head of it for eighteen years.

B. M. STODDARD.

FRANKLINTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, FRANKLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA.
(For the colored people.)

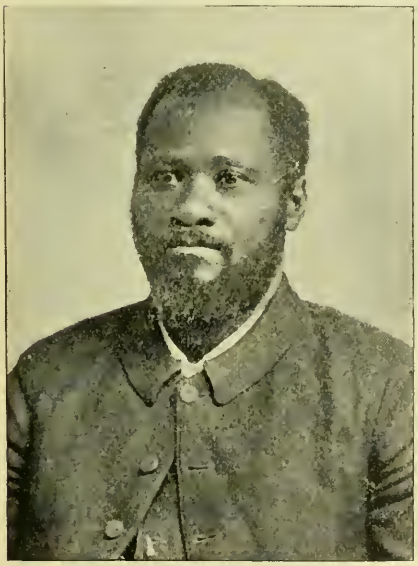
FRANKLINTON is twenty-seven miles north of Raleigh. The college is located on the south side of the village, on high ground, and in a beautiful grove. The school was first incorporated (about 1883) for thirty years, as Franklinton Literary and Theological Christian Institute, but in 1891 the state legislature granted a perpetual charter as Franklinton Christian College. There have been six theological graduates. The attendance last year was 153. The income from the endowment fund is $350. The yearly expenses are limited to $1,800. They have never exceeded this, and generally fall below it. The remainder of this sum must come from the free-will offerings of the Christians. The Board of Control asks all lovers of the education of our colored brethren and their children to send their donations to the president, N. DEL MCREYNOLDS,
Franklinton, N. C.

REV. N. DEL MCREYNOLDS,
President Franklinton Christian College, Franklinton, North Carolina.

REV. N. DEL MCREYNOLDS was born in West Milton, Ohio, October 12, 1842, and was educated at Martinsburg Academy, Ohio. He taught

school in Illinois and Ohio until 1891, when he accepted the presidency of Franklinton College. He was ordained in 1891 by the Miami (Ohio) Christian Conference. He is a natural born teacher, and under his wise and efficient management Franklinton will rise to the full height of her possibilities. You will find in his large library the best and most reliable books, and on his tables the latest and best periodicals. His heart at this time is for Franklinton. Every church, Sunday school, and individual should rally to his aid.

J. F. BURNETT.



"My History."

By Rev. George W. Dunn, Graham, N. C., of the North Carolina Conference.

THE years of my life are fifty, "few and evil." I was born February 23, 1847, and served as a slave nineteen years. I was twenty-one before I knew how to read and write. In 1866, after the dark cloud had rolled away, I began to feel the need of a knowledge of books, but having no aid, it was very hard for me to study and earn my support at the same time. I was converted among the Christians and was much oppressed in the spirit to preach the gospel. Though ignorant, I was called to preach at Franklinton. Sectarianism was so strong at this place that it was said, "The small number of helpless Christians will soon cease to exist." This was in 1879 and 1880. I knew not what to do, but I was informed that we (the colored Christians) had some true friends up north who would assist us if they knew our poverty. About this time the *Golden Censor*, published at Roxford, Illinois, came into my hands. I then wrote to the *Golden Censor*, stating our condition, and from that letter I found the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*. Hallelujah! Our work is now in a prosperous condition, so I can now say as old Simeon did, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Farewell, dear reader; the day is far spent, and my shadow is growing lengthy. I will meet you at the golden gate that stands ajar.

Christian Correspondence College, Lewiston, Maine.

WHEN it was first proposed to the Christians to give instruction by correspondence, it was found that there was an eager demand for the help to be given by this method. Doubtless in every case where the student can attend the class room he should be persuaded to avail himself of the privilege. Nothing can fully take the place of the live instructor and the eager body of classmates. There is inspiration in the association which lifts the pupil forward. But there are cases where such opportunity cannot be given, because harsh circumstance bars the way. This is particularly true of the busy pastor who may not leave his flock or his family. If he

has enjoyed a thorough course of training he will be able to take up work alone; but if his advantages have been limited this will not be practicable. The difficulties he meets soon become so formidable as to produce discouragement, and the work ceases almost before it is well begun.

Here it is that the Correspondence College comes with an unbarring of the gates. Pleasant walks of instruction are laid out. Good books are suggested for reading. Special investigations are recommended. Questions are supplied to which the student writes definite replies. Training is given in writing, in style and in methods of study. Ministers of wide influence already testify to the service which they have received from this plan, both in better comprehension of subjects that are presented, and the greater ease of preparing their sermons. The plan has gone beyond the preliminary and doubtful stage. It is developing, in that it helps the brother to help himself; it is elastic, in that it yields to circumstances; it is convenient, in that it may be commenced at any time, suspended when duties press too heavily, and resumed again when the pressure relaxes. The college has no limit to the number it can teach, and should be having a hundred students, where, because it makes so little noise in the world, it has but a handful.

MARTYN SUMMERBELL,
President.

LEWISTON, MAINE.

Note.

THE foregoing educational institutions, though governed by their own Board of Trustees, are recipients of the Educational Fund of the American Christian Convention, the distribution of which is made by the Executive Board of the Convention. Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, was founded by the Christians, but is now controlled by a Board of Trustees, a majority of which is in sympathy with the Unitarian denomination, so it is not reckoned as one of our institutions in the distribution of the Educational Fund. However, several of its faculty are members of our denomination, Dr. T. M. McWhinney having recently accepted the "Palmer Chair of Christian Ethics."

THE following is a part of the action of the American Christian Convention held at Haverhill, Massachusetts, in October, 1894: . . . "That the Executive Board be requested to enter into correspondence with the secretary of the Board of Trustees of Antioch College with the view of setting before that Board the wishes of this body, and of arriving at some definite understanding."

REV. D. A. LONG, D.D., LL.D., PRESIDENT ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO.

REV. D. A. LONG, D.D., LL.D., was born in Alamance County, North Carolina, May 22, 1844. He graduated from the University of North Carolina. Served as president of Graham College, North Carolina. In 1882 he was elected president of Antioch College, which position he now holds. He is a member of the Southern Ohio Conference. Is a good preacher. He was president of the American Christian Convention eight years, and president of the Christian Publishing Association the same number of years. Dr. Long is a man of rare ability, being one of the leading educators of Ohio. He was recently awarded $500 for a prize essay on the "History of Coinage." B. M. STODDARD.

REV. THOMAS J. BOWMAN, RIPLEY, OHIO,
President Southern Ohio Conference.

Southern Ohio Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Burnett.)

This conference was organized in October, 1820, near the forks of Brush Creek, in Adams County. Those present at the organization whose names are known were Rev. Matthew Gardner, David Kirkpatrick, Robert McCoy, Cyrus Richards, and Benjamin West.

Next session in October, 1897, at Christian Chapel.

President—Rev. T. J. Bowman, Ripley, Ohio.

Secretary—Rev. J. F. Burnett, Eaton, Ohio.

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Dallas—David Deakyne, Dallas, Ohio
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Fairview Chapel—J C Kimball, Newhope, Ohio
Farmers Chapel—Henry Pitser, Sunshine, Ohio
Feesburg—J E White, Feesburg, Ohio
Fellowship—Wm H Cluxton, Neel, Ohio
Fincastle—W T Hedrick, Winchester, Ohio
Fivemile—J D Shannon, Fivemile, Ohio
Harwood—John Cochran, Pulse, Ohio
Hiett Chapel—G M Dragoo, Hiett, Ohio
Higginsport—Mrs J W Brookbank, Higginsport, Ohio
Liberty Chapel—J N Kuhn, Fruithill, Ohio
Millers Chapel—John V Sanders, Newmarket, Ohio
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Mt. Pleasant—C P Folks, Felicity, Ohio
Mt. Zion—G W Bushman, Clermontville, Ohio
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Olive Chapel—Wm F Kinnett, Georgetown, Ohio
Pisgah—L C Cahall, Levanna, Ohio
Pleasant Hill—C E Dixon, Winchester, Ohio
Poplar Chapel—Clarence Manning, Wiggonsville, Ohio
Pt. Isabel—A M Swope, Pt. Isabel, Ohio
Russellville—W P Fuller, Redoak, Ohio
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Westboro—Mrs Nina Conner, Westboro, Ohio

REV. L. M. SHINKLE FIVEMILE, OHIO.
(Southern Ohio Conference.)

Miami (Ohio) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Vaughan.)

Next session will be held at Springfield, Ohio, Saturday, August 28, 1897.

President—Rev. S. S. Newhouse, Piqua, Ohio.

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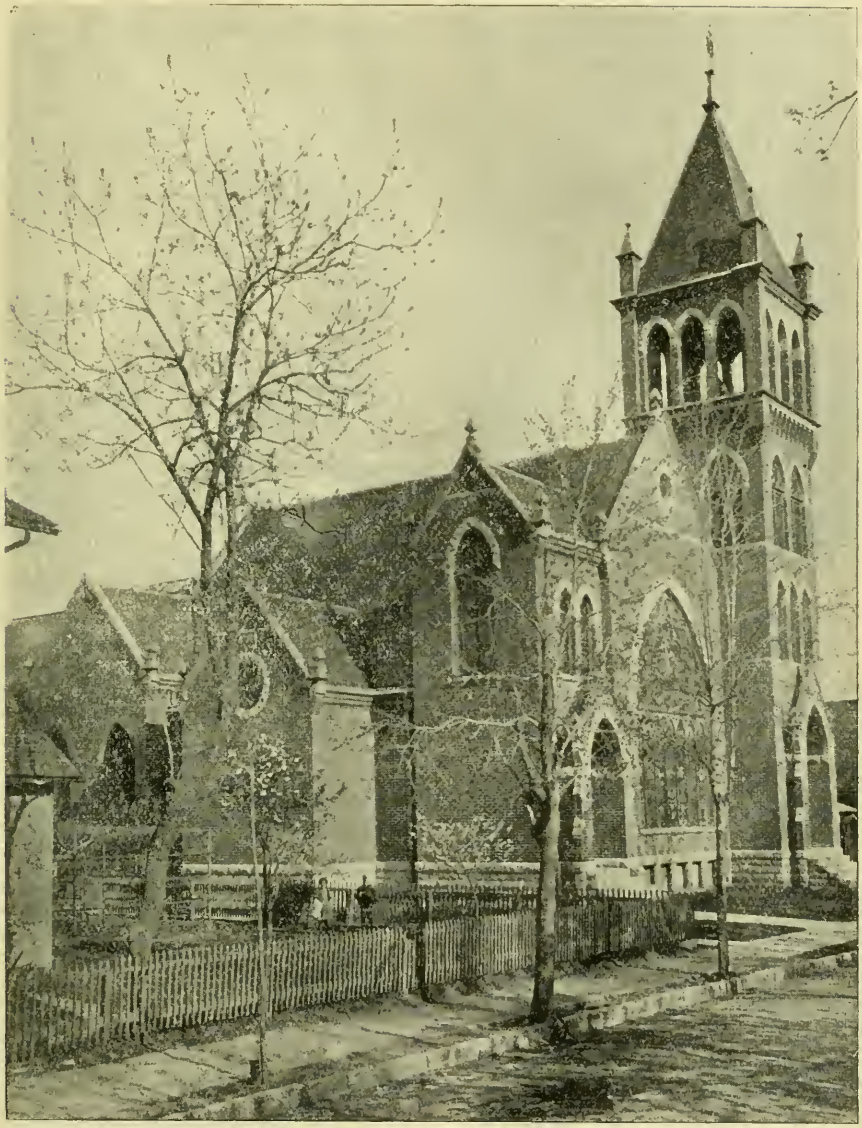
Stoddard, Rosa Lee, Dayton, Ohio
Thomas, Joel, Arcanum, Ohio
Thompson, Flora, Dayton, Ohio
Ullery, J F, Conneaut, Ohio
Underwood, Walter, Springfield, Ohio
Vaughan, B F, Centerville, Ohio
Walk, E G, Lynchburg, Ohio
Warbinton, W T, Springfield, Ohio
Watson, J P, Dayton, Ohio
Waymire, I C, Jamton, Ohio
Weeks, J W, Dayton, Ohio
Zeigler, E G, North Greece, New York

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Addison—Alonzo Leffel, Christiansburg, Ohio
Bethany—S K Stephens, Lebanon, Ohio
Bethlehem—M M Black, West Alexandria, Ohio
Boyd (Circlehill)—Berl Patty, Boyd, Ohio
Carysville—S Hall, Rosewood, Ohio
Chambersburg—Priscilla R Huey, Chambersburg, O
Charity Chapel—W W Prince, Ballou, Ohio
Concord—W E Ross, Ernest, Ohio
Cove Spring—Geo Young, Tippecanoe City, Ohio
Covington—W W Whitmer, Covington, Ohio
Dayton—P A Weaver, Dayton, Ohio
Eaton—S J Galloway, Eaton, Ohio
Enon—Hettie Esterline, Enon, Ohio
Fellowship—John Hoff, Mason, Ohio
Franklin—Cliff Earhart, Franklin, Ohio
Genntown—Theo Ross, Lebanon, Ohio
Glady Creek—Wm Scarborough, West Liberty, Ohio
Greenville—A C Brandon, Greenville, Ohio
Greenville Creek—W M Thompson, Bradford, Ohio
Honey Creek—J S Black, Christiansburg, Ohio
Hood (Twin Creek)—W W Howell, West Sonora, Ohio
Hopewell (Pleasanthill)—N T Hill, Pleasanthill, O
Houston (Mt. Jefferson)—M J Flynn, Houston, Ohio
Jamestown—M T Ross, Jamestown, Ohio
Laura—R Wylie, Laura, Ohio
Liberty—C P McGilliard, Wyoming, Ohio
Lost Creek—Miss Esther Kirby, Christiansburg, Ohio
Lower Stillwater—Wm Sinks, Union, Ohio
Ludlow Falls—A J Iddings, Ludlow Falls, Ohio
McKees Creek—J B Hooley, West Liberty, Ohio
Miamiville—M A Thompson, Branchhill, Ohio
New Carlisle—Mrs D F Aiken, New Carlisle, Ohio
New Palestine—R N Shane, Sidney, Ohio
North Clayton—D Heckendorn, Covington, Ohio
Oran—G W Short, Loramie, Ohio
Phillipsburg—Della Baker, Center, Ohio
Piqua—Wm Dubois, Piqua, Ohio
Plattsburg—John Osborn, Plattsburg, Ohio
Remington—Mrs Rosa Halloway, Remington, Ohio
Salem—Mrs Reuben Saylor, Clayton, Ohio

REV. W. D. SAMUEL, Eel River Conference,
Pastor of Christian Church, COVINGTON, OHIO.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, COVINGTON, OHIO (Miami Conference), REV. W. D. SAMUEL, Pastor.

Shiloh Springs—John C Lodge, Dayton, Ohio
Spring Creek—John Duer, Ballou, Ohio
Springfield—Rush E McCain, Springfield, Ohio
Sugar Creek—B F Vaughan, Centerville, Ohio
Sugar Grove—G W Prince, Fidelity, Ohio
Troy—Ina E Macy, Troy, Ohio
Union Chapel—G B Cain, Gettysburg, Ohio
Versailles—T H Harp, Versailles, Ohio
West Grove—J W Penny, Laura, Ohio
West Liberty—Miss Anna Kershner, West Liberty, O
West Manchester—E E Rollman, West Manchester, O
West Milton—Miss Ada B Cox, West Milton, Ohio
West Union—S C Kessler, Kessler, Ohio
Wolf Creek—N G Worley, Trotwood, Ohio
Yellowsprings—M F McReynolds, Yellowsprings, O

Ohio Central Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Watson.)

The Ohio Central Christian Conference was organized at the home of John Williamson, near what is now known as the Trenton church, and near the village of Sunbury, Delaware County, Ohio, August 20, 1829, by Harry Ashley, Hallet Barber, Benjamin Britton, Thomas L. Campbell, Titus Case, Zarah Curtis, Josiah Fisher, John Greer, John Janes, Samuel B. Marvin, Seth Marvin, Andrew Perkins, Jacob Rabb, James Smith, Isaac N. Walter. The first president was Jacob Rabb; the first secretary was Isaac N. Walter. It was first called the Sunbury Christian Conference, and the name was changed the next year

REV. C. L. SINGER, POINT ISABEL, OHIO.
(Southern Ohio Conference.)

(1830) to the Ohio Central Christian Conference. The conference was incorporated under the above name July 14, 1893.

Next session at Vienna Crossroads, Clark County, Ohio, Tuesday, August 17, 1897.

President—Rev. C. A. Williams, Raymonds, Ohio.

Secretary—John W. Watson, Marengo, Ohio.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Barfell, Othias, Columbus, Ohio
Barnett, J W, Columbus, Ohio
Bowersmith, Isaac, Westerville, Ohio
Browning, Wm, Magnetic Springs, Ohio
Butler, H E, Center, Ohio
Caris, S A, Cardington, Ohio
Chrisman, B H, Centerburg, Ohio
Clarridge, P. Fivepoints, Ohio
Duckworth. H J. Mt. Sterling, Ohio
Griffith, S M, Springfield, Ohio
Hutchinson, S A, Elmwood, Ohio
King, S K, Columbus, Ohio
Lewis, L E, Richwood, Ohio
Macomber, N, Hyattville, Ohio
Milholland, S M, Appleton, Ohio
Parsons, D C, Appleton, Ohio
Pugh, J A, Kilbourne, Ohio
Reynolds, J W, Clarksburg, Ohio
Shane, G W, Springfield. Ohio
Shirk, Stephen, Peoria, Ohio
Webb, William, Claiborne, Ohio
Williams, C A, Raymonds, Ohio
Wilson, N B, Summerford, Ohio

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—C M Neff, Mt. Sterling, Ohio
Blues Creek—J Richey, Marysville, Ohio
Centerville—Frank Babb, Lees Creek, Ohio
Clarksburg—O M Houser, Clarksburg, Ohio
Columbus First—J M McFarland, Columbus, Ohio
Dublin—Miss Edna Davis, Dublin, Ohio
Fivepoints—Wm A Johnson, Fivepoints, Ohio
Fountain Grove—E W Blaine, Richwood, Ohio
Grassy Point—Wm Ervin, Bookwalter, Ohio
Milford Center—Chas Woodworth, Irwin, Ohio
Mill Creek—L M Long, Ostrander, Ohio
Mt. Olive—Albert Adams, Plain City, Ohio
Mt. Sterling—H D Marcy, Mt Sterling, Ohio
Newton—Chloe B Dean, Raymonds, Ohio
Overly Chapel—John Smith, Chillicothe, Ohio
Pleasant Grove—G L Thompson, Mt. Victory, Ohio
Pompey—Sadie Underhill, Cardington, Ohio
Rennick Chapel—Chas Poulson, Derby, Ohio
Resaca—Ellsworth Bidwell, Resaca, Ohio
Summerford—Alice C Sprague, Summerford, Ohio
Trenton—R W Fisher, Sunbury, Ohio
Union (Union Co)—D D Hamilton, Marysville, Ohio
Union (Marion Co)—Alexander Kridler, Larue, Ohio
Vienna Crossroads—Mrs Nellie Jones, Vienna Crossroads, Ohio
Waterloo—Wm Anderson, Pancoastburg, Ohio
Watkins—I Lae, Watkins, Ohio
West Liberty—Leonard Zent, Stantontown, Ohio
Williamsport—J West, Williamsport, Ohio
Wilson Chapel—W H Wilson, Plattsburg, Ohio
Woodstock—F H Briney, Woodstock, Ohio
Zion Chapel—W M Smith, Pleasant Corners, Ohio

Western Indiana Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Thomas.)

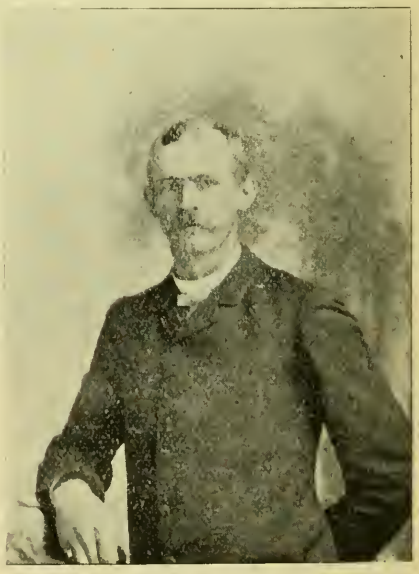
The first conference record dates 1840, and was held under the name of The Coal Creek Christian Conference. The records for ten years previous, commencing 1830, were either lost, or not kept; yet it is well authenticated that regular sessions were held in an organized business manner and good results attained.

The meeting in 1840 was held June 15, in Fountain County. Name of church not given. Deacon Ira Smith, of Lafayette, was president, and probably James L. McKinney was secretary, his name being signed to the session of 1841.

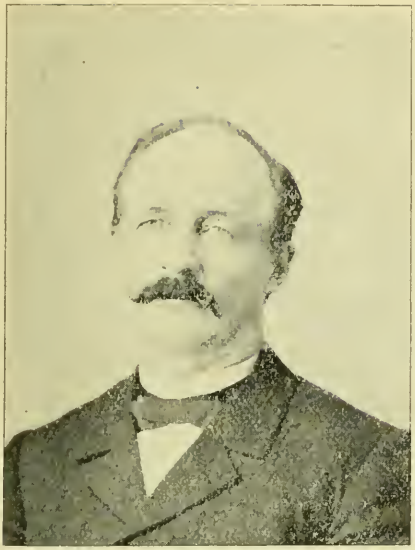
The ordained elders at the session of 1840 were Joseph Jackson, William Hole, John P. Martin, David Hays, Alexander Briggs, John Dudley, Adam Thomas, and James McKinney.

The unordained were Joel Thomas, John Hicks, William Lane, William Snethen, and James Lee. Joel Thomas and John Hicks were ordained at this meeting. Eleven churches were reported by letter and three verbally. At the session in 1854, R. M. Thomas was elected secretary and served more than forty years.

At this session, 1854, on motion of Elder James



REV. S. D. BENNETT, PLATTSBURG, OHIO.
(Southern Ohio Conference.)



REV. J. T. PHILLIPS, (Western Indiana Conference) FRANKFORT, INDIANA, Trustee of Union Christian College and Christian Biblical Institute.

McKinney, "agreed to approve of a Home Mission Society." They also agreed that the president, "Brother Ira Smith, attend to the printing and distributing of the minutes."—(Oh, for a copy of those old minutes.—Sec.)

The name of the conference was changed from the Coal Creek Christian Conference to the Western Indiana Christian Conference in 1852.

Rev. A. R. Heath, at the present session, 1896, suggested a committee to inquire into the early history of the conference, stating that he felt quite sure there were three or four sessions prior to 1830.

Brother Heath was appointed a committee, and after a careful inquiry, reports that by very reliable proofs it can be abundantly proven that four sessions were held prior to 1830. He says, one, Elder Watson Clark, now living in Covington in the eighty-fourth year of his age, says that his father, Elder Isaac Clark, came to Fountain County, Indiana, in 1826; that Elder John Scott, the pioneer of Scotts prairie, and Elder John Hibbs came as early as 1823; Elder William Hole in 1824; Elders John P. Martin and Daniel Trullinger in 1825; Elders James and Solomon McKinney, John Dudley and Alexander Briggs in 1826; all of whom probably attended the first session, which is claimed was held in August, that year, 1826, in the form of a camp-meeting on the farm of Jeremiah Heath, the father of Brother Heath. The meeting was called the Coal Creek Christian Conference. The marks of auger holes on the sugar trees to support the lights, are now visible to mark this sacred place.

The second session was held in camps on the farm of James Graham, in August, 1827. The above named Watson Clark remembers attending this session; also Smith Rabb, John Bodine, and Daniel Trullinger, Jr., still living in the community, remember attending this session; also Elders Watson Clark, Sr., Riley Garren, Job and Michael Combs, and John and Urium Sargent came in time to attend this session.

The third session was held on the farm of James Davis, in 1828, in camps near a huge log school house and cemetery. Brother Heath remembers the remains of this camp.

The fourth session was held in the house of Brother Heath's grandfather, Johuson, which house still stands on a farm adjoining that of Brother Heath. The four sessions were held in a radius of 3½ miles.

The next session will be held at New Salem Church, Indiana, Tuesday, August 17, 1897.

President—Rev. A. J. Akers, Farmersburg, Indiana.
Secretary—J. D. Thomas, Wingate, Indiana.

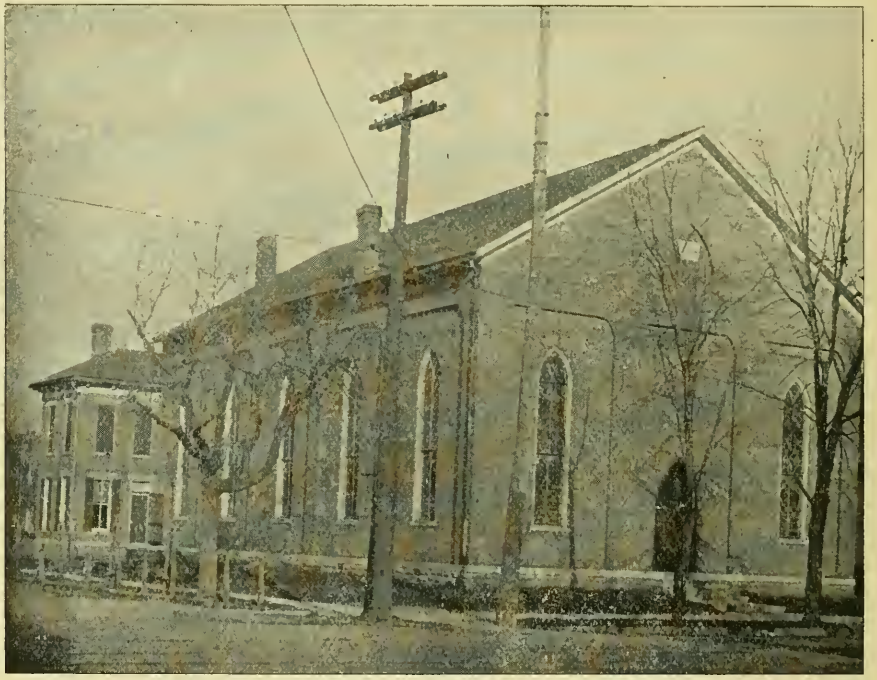
MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Akers, A J, Farmersburg, Indiana
Aldrich, L J, Merom, Indiana
Bannon, L W, Waynetown, Indiana
Boord, J S, Veedersburg Indiana
Brown, C A, Lebanon, Indiana
Click, F M, Lebanon, Indiana
Dooley, Mrs Mary, Watseka, Illinois
Dudley, J W, Linden, Indiana
Earl, I H, Wingate, Indiana
Fry, Mrs Susan V, Tokio, Japan
Gillaspie, T C, Staunton, Indiana
Gott, R H, Mellott, Indiana
Gregory, J F, Advance, Indiana
Hamilton, L P, Frankfort, Indiana
Hays, Mrs B O, Marion, Indiana
Heath, A R, Covington, Indiana
Johnson, R M, Harmony, Indiana
Lawson, I R, Staunton, Indiana
Maxwell, J S, Crawfordsville, Indiana
Mosteller, Silas, Fontanet, Indiana
Nickell, J S, Wallace, Indiana
Oliver, J W, Odell, Indiana
Page, Miss J C, Merom, Indiana
Parr, J A, Middletown, Indiana
Penrod, Miss C Tena, Tokio, Japan
Phillips, J T, Frankfort, Indiana
Quillen, Thomas, Crawfordsville, Indiana
Simmons, E D, New London, Indiana
Stackhouse, S, Lebanon, Indiana
Tinley, T J, Cyclone, Indiana
Trotter, F P, Darlington, Indiana
Vinson, Mrs M J, Veedersburg, Indiana
Voliva, J H, Newtown, Indiana
Woodworth, A D, Tokio, Japan
Woody, G, Thorntown, Indiana

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—G L Kern, Frankfort, Indiana
Bee Ridge—L F Downing, Brazil, Indiana
Big Spring—Ella Eno, Sumpter, Illinois
Browns Wonder—E M Henderson, Lebanon, Indiana

REV. ALBERT GODLEY, LEGRAND, IOWA. (Central Iowa Conference.)



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TROY, OHIO (Miami Conference), REV. WARREN H. DENISON, A.B., Pastor.

Organized with 27 members by A. L. McKinney, in 1857, its first pastor. Revs. M. J. Miller, Wm. Jay, J. P. Watson, James Maple, Geo. E. Merrill, G. W. Shane, and W. T. Warbinton, have been pastors. Present membership, 335.

Center—A W Dazey, Wingate, Indiana
Center Grove—Jennie Zeigler, Thorntown, Indiana
Christian Chapel—John M Allen, Kirklin, Indiana
Christian Liberty—J C Stephenson, Dot, Indiana
Croys Creek—J R Finley, Harmony, Indiana
Darlington—Miss Clellie Mote, Darlington, Indiana
Elm Grove—Jennette Anderson, Manson, Indiana
Fairview—Minnie Beeman, Gadsden, Indiana
Freedom—F J Carter, Yeddo, Indiana
Friendship—R A Perril, Michigantown, Indiana
Garfield—Miss Mary Binford, Garfield, Indiana
Lebanon—W D Rinehart, Lebanon, Indiana
Liberty—Alice Baldwin, Waynetown, Indiana
Linden—Lavina Morford, Linden, Indiana
Mellott—Ida Hatt, Mellott, Indiana
Merom—Miss S E Hatten, Merom, Indiana
Mt. Olive—Geo W Van Cleave, Farmersburg, Indiana
Mt. Pleasant—Albert Vail, Crawfordsville, Indiana
Mt. Zion—R H Flinn, Lebanon, Indiana
Mill Creek—R G Evans, Portland, Indiana
New Salem—Miss Bessie Kersey, Thorntown, Indiana
Old Union—T J Nelson, Jamestown, Indiana
Osborn Prairie—A Boord, Stonebluff, Indiana
Otter Creek Union—A G Kessel, Fontanet, Indiana
Pleasant Grove—W M Ratcliff, Kingman, Indiana
Pleasant Hill—J S Henry, Wingate, Indiana
Pleasant View—Florence Selby, Lebanon, Indiana
Prairie Chapel—H W Ellis, Hillsboro, Indiana
Portland Mission—Portland, Indiana
Scotland—G W Engleton, Kirklin, Indiana
Shiloh—R D Billingsby, Advance, Indiana
Staunton—Mrs Alice Sherb, Staunton, Indiana
Union Cemetery—Frank Helms, Aylesworth, Indiana
Union Chapel—C E Crain, Linsburg, Indiana
Union Chapel—John Miller, Portland, Indiana
Union Chapel—Clay County, Indiana
Yeddo—John Harshbarger, Yeddo, Indiana
Zion—L D Gard, Cory, Indiana

Central Iowa Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Coffin.)

The Central Iowa Conference was organized in the year 1858.

Next session at Bethel Church, Marshall County, Iowa, the last Wednesday in August, 1897.

President—E. B. Frost, Marshalltown, Iowa.
Secretary—Rev. F. G. Coffin, Legrand, Iowa.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Burdine, Hugh, Barnes, Iowa
Burdine, Wm, Barnes, Iowa
Coffin, F G, Legrand, Iowa
Dalzell, George, Legrand, Iowa
Dolby, Aaron, Barnes, Iowa
Furnas, James, Marshalltown, Iowa
Furnas, Rebecca, Marshalltown, Iowa
Gaunt, L E, Ferguson, Iowa
Godley, Albert, Legrand, Iowa
Helfenstein, S Q, Legrand, Iowa
Hines, W C, Marshalltown, Iowa
Leavitt, L M, Lake City, Iowa
Milne, George, Myrtle, Iowa
Myers, Joel, Leaf River, Illinois
Piper, J W, Legrand, Iowa
Potter, Nathan, Olin, Iowa
Smith, W C, Albion, Iowa
Terrell, Melissa, Forest Home, Iowa
Thompson, David, Legrand, Iowa

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Barnes City—Jennie Reed, Barnes, Iowa
Bethel—Henry Neff, Albion, Iowa
Clemons Grove—Jos King, Clemons, Iowa
Fairview—John Bard, Haven, Iowa
Ferguson—Volney Kees, Ferguson, Iowa
Forest Home—Mrs Manta Farmer, Forest Home, Iowa
Legrand—Mrs Ora P Godley, Legrand, Iowa

REV. WARREN H. DENISON, Pastor Christian Church, TROY, OHIO.

Union (Iowa) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Helfinstine.)

This conference was organized at the Bethany Church, in Van Buren County, Iowa, October 29, 1857. The following ministers were charter members: W. H. Phillips, Elijah Williamson, L. J. Foor, Eli Gordy, Enos Mills, T. W. Hand, Amos Lemons, Lewis Fordyce, licentiate. W. H. Phillips was chosen president, and Lewis Fordyce, secretary. Elder Fordyce is the only surviving charter member.

The following churches joined in the organization of the conference: Church at Batavia, Jefferson County—Delegate, Charles Bradshaw. Members, 24. Church on Competine, Wapello County—Delegate, J. P. Weaver. Members, 12. Ebenezer Church, Jefferson County—Delegates, James Day and Smith Ball. Members, 58. Bethany Church, Van Buren County—Delegates, Adam Snyder and Joseph Whitaker. Members, 41. Church at Locust Grove, Jefferson County—Delegate, A. Lemons. Members, 24. Church at Twin Grove, Keoknk County—Delegates, A. J. Ulim and L. Bellville. Members, 29. Elder John McMillen was present at and assisted in the organization, but he did not unite with it. The church at Ebenezer is the only surviving church of the above number.

Next session with the Antioch Church in Jefferson County, Iowa, Thursday before the full moon in August, 1897.

President—D. Neiswanger, Washington, Iowa.
Secretary—Rev. D. M. Helfinstine, Legrand, Iowa.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Boyce, Robert, Eldon, Iowa
Coder, Chester, Letts, Iowa
Coop, Charles, Perlee, Iowa
Fordyce, Lewis, Libertyville, Iowa
Hawk, Charles, Martinsburg, Iowa
Hawk, Edward, Martinsburg, Iowa
Helfinstine, D M, Legrand, Iowa
Hutton, D S, Martinsburg, Iowa
McDonald, C W, Perlee, Iowa
O'Laughlin, John, Kalona, Iowa
Phillips, G B, Fairfield, Iowa
Sage, E W, Washington, Iowa
Seymour, S D, Sandusky, Iowa
Vinton, J C, Washington, Iowa

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—Albert Coop, Perlee, Iowa
Bethlehem—Harmon Fite, Eldon, Iowa
Ebenezer—A S Fry, Fairfield, Iowa
Hopewell—Elijah Hawk, Martinsburg, Iowa
Oak Grove—Peter Brookhart, Myrtle, Iowa
Oakland—J A Davis, Conesville, Iowa
Pleasant Ridge—Thos Slocum, Greensburg, Mo.
Sandusky—Altha Denmire, Sandusky, Iowa
Shiloh—D Neiswanger, Washington, Iowa

Southern Kansas Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Cole.)

Next session at Pleasant Hill, Reno County, Kansas, on Saturday, October 9, 1897, at 2 P.M.

President—Rev. Isaac Mooney, Towanda, Kansas.
Secretary—Rev. Henry Cole, Lerado, Kansas.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Bloomfield, S B, Oakland, Kansas
Cameron, E, Sycamore Springs, Kansas
Canfield, F M, Fredonia, Kansas
Cole, Henry, Lerado, Kansas
Fitch, W H, Valley Center, Kansas
Fuller, W R, Little River, Kansas
Hart, M, Hutchinson, Kansas
Hess, J W, Columbus, Kansas
Kinney, T C, Potwin, Kansas
Kinney, J W, Potwin, Kansas
Mizener, A C, Eldorado, Kansas
Mooney, Isaac, Towanda, Kansas
Morgan, D E, Turon, Kansas
Pocock, L A, Sedgwick, Kansas
Rasmussen, Emma, Neola, Kansas
Tipton, J W, Kingman, Kansas

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Golden Gate—W O Moore, Murdock, Kansas
Hutchinson—Sarah M Hart, Hutchinson, Kansas
Matfield Green—John Cox, Matfield Green, Kansas
Mt. Zion—Ozella Davis, Prattleburg, Kansas
Neola—Emma Rasmussen, Neola, Kansas
Pleasant Center—W T Davis, Amador, Kansas
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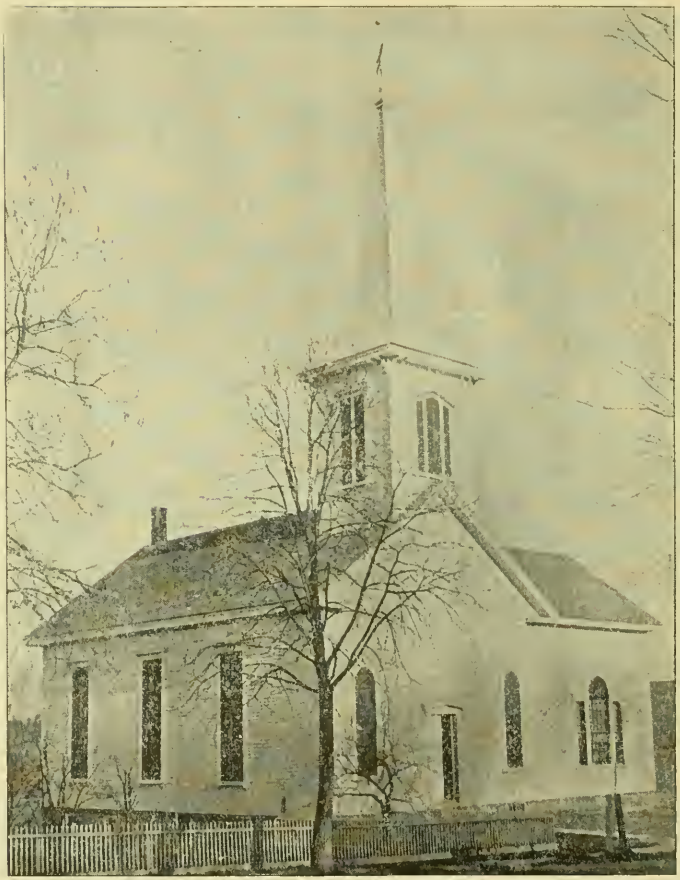
Towanda—Minnie Ralston, Towanda, Kansas

REV. MYRON TYLER, PORTSMOUTH, N. H., President Rockingham Christian Conference.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WOLFBORO, N. H. (New Hampshire Conference), REV. M. D. WOLFE, Pastor.

Organized by Elder Mark Fernald in 1812. Elder Lewis Phillips served this church over twenty years. Rev. T. C. Smith, L. W. Phillips, and T. S. Weeks have also been pastors.

Rockingham Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Wolfe.)

Next session at Kittery (2d), York County, Maine, in October, 1897.

President—Rev. Myron Tyler, Portsmouth, N. H.
Secretary—Rev. M. D. Wolfe, Wolfboro, N. H.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Amazeen, E K, Kittery Point, Maine
Borthwick, M W, Manchester, New Hampshire
Day, N, Newton, New Hampshire
Dutton, John G, Kittery, Maine
Everingham, J E, Laconia, New Hampshire
Goss, John A, Haverhill, Massachusetts
Hancock, O J, Belmont, New Hampshire
Morrill, A H, Haverhill, Massachusetts
Murray, D B, Boston, Massachusetts
Rhodes. H J, Castile, New York
Tyler, Myron, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Wilson, Joel, Kittery Depot, Maine
Wolfe, M D, Wolfboro, New Hampshire

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Center Tuftonboro—F L Hersey, Center Tuftonboro, New Hampshire
Eastport—Mrs Sadie Hallett, Eastport, Maine
Hampton Falls—
Haverhill—W D Stearns, Haverhill, Massachusetts
Kittery (2d)—Geo F Manent, Kittery, Maine
Kittery and York—B L Maine
Kittery Point (1st)—F D Grace, Kittery Point, Maine
Manchester—W H Cate, Manchester, New Hampshire
Mirror Lake—Rev D A Wiggin, Mirror Lake, N H
New Castle—H M Curtis
Newton Junction—J N Rowell, Newton Junction, N H
No. Hampton—N B Martin, No. Hampton, N H
Portsmouth—A R Junkins, Portsmouth, N Hampshire
Rye—J W Lang, Rye, New Hampshire
Salisbury Point—M H True, Salisbury Point, Mass
Stratham—Mrs P P Brewster, Stratham, N Hampshire

New Hampshire Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Young.)

President—Rev. D. A Wiggin, Mirror Lake, N. H.
Secretary—Joseph L Young, Wolfboro, N. H.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Hobbs, A W, Freedom, New Hampshire
Wiggin, Rev D A, Mirror Lake, New Hampshire

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Tuftonboro 2nd—Vacant at present.
Wolfboro 2nd—Joseph L Young, Wolfboro, N H

REV. M. D. WOLFE, Secretary Rockingham Conference, and Pastor CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WOLFBORO, N. H.

Richland Union Conference.

(Reported by Secretary McNees.)

Next session at the Pleasant Valley Church, Eagle Corners, Richland County, Wisconsin, October, 1897.

President—Rev. M. Buroker, Sylvan, Wisconsin.

Secretary—Rev. J. H. McNees, Richland Center, Wis.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Buroker, M, Sylvan, Wisconsin
Elder, Wm, Byrdscreek, Wisconsin
Felton, Jacob, Sylvan, Wisconsin
Fisher, E W, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin
Ford, Geo, West Lima, Wisconsin
Garner, Henry, Arbor, Wisconsin
Haskins, Edward, Excelsior, Wisconsin
Jones, Geo W, Ithaca, Wisconsin
Mark, Jacob, Richland Center, Wisconsin
McNees, J H, Richland Center, Wisconsin
Poff, C M, Viola, Wisconsin
Smith, Ephraim, Viola, Wisconsin
Stetler, J S, Viola, Wisconsin

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Beaver Valley—H A Setser, Debello, Wisconsin
Bethesda—Hattie Scholl, Richland Center, Wisconsin
Dayton—Amelia Stambaugh, Richland Center, Wis
Excelsior Union—Ica Craig, Excelsior, Wisconsin
Harmony—Clara Hoffman, Sylvan, Wisconsin
Kickapoo Center—Mary Bond, Viola, Wisconsin
Lebanon—C H Rhinehart, Gays Mills, Wisconsin
Maple Ridge—Spica Alvord, Arbor, Wisconsin
Olive Branch—Mrs J Fox, Readstown, Wisconsin
Pine River—J S Heckadorn, Yuba, Wisconsin
Pleasant Ridge—H O Walker, Sylvan, Wisconsin
Pleasant Valley—Emma Dyer, Eagle Corners, Wis
Plum Valley—J M V Sloniker, Wonewoc, Wisconsin
Richland Center—Maggie Daughette, Richland Center, Wiscousin
Sand Prairie—Oliver Dyer, Westport, Wisconsin
Smith Valley—Wm Snyder, Loyd, Wisconsin
West Lima—Wm E Kidd, Bloom City, Wisconsin
West Willow—Lydia Turner, Richland Center, Wis

York and Cumberland Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Moulton.)

The York and Cumberland Conference was organized at Kennebunk, Maine, January 2, 1844, by Elders John Boothby, William Bryant, S. P. Bickford, Joshua Goodwin, and Samuel Webber.

Next session in September, 1897, at York, Maine.

President—Rev. Zebulon Knight, South Berwick, Me.

Secretary—David Moulton, York Corner, Maine.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Baker, Chas L, Center Lovell, Maine
Goodwin, Chas E, Pinepoint, Maine
Goodwin, Harmon, South Berwick, Maine
Graves, Joseph H, Hampton Falls, New Hampshire
Hardway, H G, Freedom, New Hampshire
Heikes, N M, Ogunquit, Maine
Knight, Zebulon, South Berwick, Maine
McKeen, Silas H, Albion, Maine
Moses, T G, York Corner, Maine
Mugridge, John H, Stratham, New Hampshire
Ridlon, N T, North Hampton, New Hampshire
Young, John W, Berwick Branch, Maine

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Bluepoint—J H Seavey, Pinepoint, Maine
Center Lovell—H W Palmer, Center Lovell, Maine
Freedom—D W Taylor, Freedom, New Hampshire
Harpswell—Sidney Watson, Cundys Harbor, Maine
Mt. Agamenticus—J H Plaisted, Cape Neddick, Maine
North Saco—Alpheus Libby, Saco, Maine
Sanford and Lebanon—Geo L Stillings, Springvale, Me
So. Berwick and Wells—A Bragdon, So. Berwick, Me
So. Berwick Junction—David A Ford, So. Berwick, Me
So. Berwick New Years—S J Nason, So. Berwick, Me
York and Wells—D W Perkins, Ogunquit, Maine
York—David Moulton, York Corner, Maine

REV. T. G. MOSES (York and Cumberland Conference), YORK CORNER, MAINE, Pastor YORK CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

ROYERTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH (New York Western Conference), REV. HORACE MANN, Pastor.

Organized by Elder Joel Doubelday in 1817. First church erected west of the Genesee River. Burned 1845. Rebuilt 1846. Sold in 1886. Then above building erected. The church is called the "Light on the Hill."

REV. HORACE MANN, ORANGEPORT, N. Y., President New York Western Conference, and Pastor ROYERTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

New York Western Conference.

(Reported by Rev. Horace Mann for Secretary Pease.)

Next session, Friday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1897, at Morganville, N. Y.

President—Rev. Horace Mann, Orangeport, N. Y.

Secretary—John B. Pease, Gasport, New York.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Childs, J D, Shelby, New York
Jones, Elias, North Pembroke, New York
Lawton, J W, Manning, New York
Mann, Horace, Orangeport, New York
Moore, D W, Middleport, New York
Taylor, Thomas, Newton, New Hampshire
Tryon, I C, Castile, New York
Warner, W A, Machias, New York

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Castile—Merton Phelps, Castile, New York
Clarendon—Geo W Barber, Clarendon, New York
East Holland—Lewis Hawks, Protection, New York
Machias—Mrs C D Field, Machias, New York
Morganville—Robert Call, Stafford, New York
No. Pembroke—C Cash Day, No Pembroke, New York
Orangeport—L H Pease, Gasport, New York
Parma and Greece—H D Rowley, No Greece, New York
West Shelby—W J Shelp, West Shelby, New York

Northern Illinois and Wisconsin Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Sanford.)

This conference was organized September 27, 1850, at the house of Brother H. Hill, who was chairman *pro tem.*, Rev. John Walworth, clerk *pro tem.*, composed of Elders John Walworth, Samuel Fitch, Ira B. Bristol, and David B. Burnham, together with Brothers H. Hills, Jinks, Barber, and others.

Appointed Elder John Walworth, moderator, and Ira S. Bristol, clerk, for ensuing year. Received the following churches: Monroe, Ogle County, Illinois; Columbia, McHenry County, Illinois.

Next session at the Christian Church in North Grove, Ogle County, Illinois, at 10 A. M. on Thursday before the first full moon in October, 1897.

President—Rev. G. A. Brown, Ashton, Illinois.

Secretary—W. L. Sanford, Chana, Illinois.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Best, Wm, Capron, Illinois
Brown, G A, Ashton, Illinois
Clark, A J, Kingston, Illinois
Collins, M G, Austin, Illinois
Hanger, J S, Byron, Illinois
Rolph, F B, Taylor, Illinois
Wright, J R, Chana, Illinois

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Capron—Robert Ridge, Capron, Illinois
Leaf River—J D Palmer, Leaf River, Illinois
North Grove—C F Allen, Leaf River, Illinois
Washington Grove—W L Sanford, Chana, Illinois

Eastern North Carolina Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Foster.)

The North Carolina and Virginia and the Deep River Conferences united and divided into three, in the year 1894. These three are now known as the North Carolina and Virginia, the Western North Carolina, and the Eastern North Carolina.

Next session at Mt. Auburn Church, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in December, 1897.

President—Hon. J. H. Fleming, Raleigh, N. C.

Secretary—Rev. Jas. L. Foster, Raleigh, N. C.

YORK CHRISTIAN CHURCH (York and Cumberland Conference), REV. T. G. MOSES, Pastor.

Organized, 1808. Rev. Peter Young, first pastor. First church-building erected, 1815; parsonage, 1867. In 1891 the above building was erected, cost $10,000, under labors of Rev. W. B. Flanders. Church out of debt. Present membership, 126.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Clements, W G, Morrisville, North Carolina
Foster, Jas L, Raleigh, North Carolina
Harward, W D, Chapelhill, North Carolina
Jones, J A, Ballentines Mills, North Carolina
Mangum, L W, Benson, North Carolina
Underwood, G R, Osgood, North Carolina
Whiteman, J A, Jonesboro, North Carolina
Wicker, J D, Youngsville, North Carolina
Wicker, W C, Elon College, North Carolina
Winston, M L, Creedmoor, North Carolina

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Amelia—J E Austin, Clayton, North Carolina
Antioch—Mrs N J Harris, Elams, North Carolina
Auburn—Wm Watts, Auburn, North Carolina
Bethany—L Carden, University Station, N C
Beulah—J B Edwards, Hartsville, North Carolina
Catawba Springs—T M Franks, Raleigh, N C
Christian Chapel—L S Mann, Corinth, North Carolina
Christian Light—J R Brown, May, North Carolina
Damascus—M A McCauley, Lindsey, North Carolina
Ebenezer—J N Carpenter, Flint, North Carolina
Good Hope—A L Lynam, Pernell, North Carolina
Hayes Chapel—L M Barbee, Garner, North Carolina
Liberty—B R Eaves, Epsom, North Carolina
Marthas Chapel—W A Ellington, Elmgrove, N C
Moore Union—N A Mathews, Grotto, North Carolina
Morrisville—J H Morning, Morrisville, North Carolina
Mt. Auburn—Hon S P Read, Palmer Springs, Virginia
Mt. Carmel—W J Wilson, Wilton, North Carolina
Mt. Gilead—W B Hunter, Malton, North Carolina
Mt. Hermon—W I Beasley, Auburn, North Carolina
New Elam—J A Goodwin, Merryoaks, North Carolina
Newhill—D H Gardner, Newhill, North Carolina
Newhope—Nellie A Rogers, Rileys Crossroads, N C
Oak Level—A C Wicker, Franklinton, North Carolina
O'Kelleys Chapel—C S Holleman, Durham, N C
Pleasant Grove—
Pleasant Hill—W L Mangum, Benson, North Carolina
Pleasant Union—W J Long, Bowies Creek, N C
Plymouth—J W Rhodes, Kadar, North Carolina
Piney Plain—T H Prince, Massey, North Carolina
Popes Chapel—Annie L Jones, Franklinton, N C
Raleigh—D J Mood, Raleigh, North Carolina
Shallow Well—J D Gunter, Jonesboro, North Carolina
Sixforks—Alma J Penny, Sixforks, North Carolina
Spilona—R I Lassiter, Spilona, North Carolina
Turners Chapel—A W Wicker, Colon, North Carolina
Wake Chapel—J E Ballentine, Varina, North Carolina
Walnut Grove—A T Grissom, Grissom, North Carolina
Youngsville—T L Moss, Youngsville, North Carolina

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FRANKLIN, N. H. (Merrimack Conference), REV. L. W. PHILLIPS, Pastor.

First organization known as "The Proprietors of the Franklin Meeting House." Organized as Christian Church in 1838, and building erected. Dedicated, November 7. Rev. Elijah Shaw preached the sermon. In 1872 church raised $4,964.40. Had a parsonage since 1864. Present membership, 226.

Merrimack Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Morrill.)

Next session in October, 1897, at Laconia, New Hampshire.

President—J H. Rowell, Franklin, New Hampshire

Secretary—Rev. W. S. Morrill, South Danbury, New Hampshire.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Estes, B F, Belmont, New Hampshire
Francis, Edward, East Grafton, New Hampshire
Hinkley, Seth
Morrill, W S, South Danbury, New Hampshire
Phillips, L W, Franklin, New Hampshire
Phillips, James R, York Village, Maine
Wright, E H, Hill, New Hampshire
Young, John, Sunapee, New Hampshire

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Belmont—H C Adams, Belmont, New Hampshire
Franklin—Clara E Rowell, Franklin, New Hampshire
Georges Mills—W W Chase, Georges Mills, N H
Grafton—Mrs Jane E Martin, Grafton Center, N H
Hill Center—C M Cilly, Hill, New Hampshire
Hill Village—F W Eaton, Hill, New Hampshire
Laconia—F F Chandler, Laconia, New Hampshire
South Danbury—W W Walker, South Danbury, N H
Walpole—C E Houghton, Westmoreland Depot, N H

REV. L. W. PHILLIPS (Merrimack Conference), Pastor CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FRANKLIN, N. H.

New York Central Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Frost.)

This conference was organized June 24, 1828, at Enfield Center. It was formed from a part of New York Western Conference.

Next session at the Christian Church at North Rush, New York, the first Thursday in October, 1897.

President—Rev. N. W. Crowell, North Rush, N. Y
Secretary—James S. Frost, North Rush, New York.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Besemer, J E, Manning, New York
Besemer, Mrs S A, Manning, New York
Brate, S, Eddytown, New York
Brainard, Eddytown, New York
Carr, John H, Eddytown, New York
Chase, J B, Milan, Pennsylvania
Crowell, N W, North Rush, New York
Curlett, Frank, Rochester, New York
Grimes, Wm J, Syracuse, N Y. 1000 W Onondaga St
Guthrie, J W, Conquest, New York
Hammond, G R, Eddytown, New York
Hammond, E D, Eddytown, New York
Hathaway, O I, Lakeville, New York
Humphreys, Arthur, Ingleside, New York
Ingoldsby, O F, Eddytown, New York
Livingstone, E C, Cleveland, Ohio, 35 Bolivar Street
Mace, J A, West Vienna, New York
McAlpine, Ezra, Dundee, New York
Thompson, Scott, Harford Mills, New York
Wade, E R, McLean, New York
Wilson, J W, Newark, New York

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Dundee—Wm McAlpine, Dundee, New York
Eddytown—Elizabeth Bolley, Eddytown, New York
Emerson—Will Young, Emerson, New York
Enfield Center—Hattie Harvey, Enfield Center, N Y
Lakeville—Martha J Hanna, Lakeville, New York
Marion—R B McOmber, Marion, New York
Memphis—Mrs Fred Foster, Memphis, New York
Newark—Mary H Spoor, Newark, New York
North Rush—James S Frost, North Rush, New York
Plainville—C R Smart, Plainville, New York
Rock Stream—C Elizabeth Warner, Rock Stream, N Y
Searsburg—Cyrus Barber, Searsburg, New York
Springwater—Ezra Willis, Springwater, New York
Westbury—Mrs Nellie Lovejoy, Westbury, New York

Southwestern Iowa Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Walters.)

This conference was organized in 1861. Rev. N. C. Storrs, president. (The records were burned last spring.)

Next session on Wednesday, at 10 A.M., before the first full moon in September, 1897.

President—Rev. Z. M. Wright, Griswold, Iowa.
Secretary—Rev. N. Walters, Griswold, Iowa.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Ackley, J W, Madrid, Iowa
Bishop, L C, Atlantic, Iowa
Bogar, Eli M, Rockport, Missouri
Burd, S S, Winterset, Iowa
Burnham, A C, Linden, Iowa
Denton, J B, Wheeler, Iowa
Diltz, T C, Brownville, Nebraska
Gettis, J D, Fontanelle, Iowa
Harlan, I C, South Sioux City, Nebraska
Harper, J M, Lake City, Iowa
Howard, T W, Winterset, Iowa
Irons, M F, Talmage, Iowa
Jellison, P W, Winterset, Iowa
Lewis, R A, Linden, Iowa
McFarland, J H, Rockport, Missouri
McMullen, Stuart, Linden, Iowa
Moomaw, J B, Sidney, Iowa
Moore, J L, Griswold, Iowa
Renslow, Elmer, Fansler, Iowa
Smith, Samuel, Lewis, Iowa
Smith, Amos, Earlham, Iowa
Storrs, N C, Winterset, Iowa
Wallace, Maggie, Stuart, Iowa
Walters, N, Griswold, Iowa
Wright, Z M, Griswold, Iowa

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Emanuel—Arvilla Haworth, Lewis, Iowa
Fairview (Taylor Co)—D W Herring, Leonard, Iowa
Fairview (Adair Co)—Mary E Ford, Stuart, Iowa
Griswold—Wm L Dean, Griswold, Iowa
Hillsdale—Daniel Matney, St. Deroin, Nebraska
Lake City—J O Smith, Lake City, Iowa
Lincoln School House—Emanuel Hawk, Nishnabotna, Missouri
Linden—C R Johnson, Linden, Iowa

REV. J. W. ACKLEY, MADRID, IOWA. (Southwestern Iowa Conference.)

REV. T. W. HOWARD, WINTERSET, IOWA.
(Southwestern Iowa Conference.)

Lone Chapel—J B Zuck, Hamburg, Iowa
Louckes Grove—Hannah Loucke, Stuart, Iowa
Madrid—F A Woodard, Madrid, Iowa
Pleasant Grove—Samuel Sons, Rockport, Missouri
Pleasant Hill—W R M Burris, Imogene, Iowa
Pleasant Hill—W H Schlosser, Dallas Center, Iowa
Pleasant Valley—Mr Southern, Wales, Iowa
Shiloh—J E Leeka, Linden, Iowa
Tarkio Valley—E Fry Mapes, Fairfax, Missouri
Union Chapel—Ella Lower, Linden, Iowa
Union School House—Charles Madison, Carl, Iowa
Victory Union—Rev Elmer Renslow, Fanaler, Iowa
Wheelers Grove—John Knox, Wheeler, Iowa
Winterset—Louie Haines, Winterset, Iowa

Des Moines (Iowa) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Neville.)

This conference was organized under the name of the Western Iowa Christian Conference, at North River School House, in Warren County, Iowa, on the sixth day of October, A. D. 1853; and Elder A. D Kellison was elected its first president, and Brother David Bishop was chosen standing secretary.

President—L. P. Abbott, Thayer, Iowa.
Secretary—Thomas W. Neville, Orient, Iowa.
Next session. (Date was not given.)

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Bagley, Wm, Des Moines, Iowa
Brown, O E, Hebron, Iowa
Carter, G H, Osceola, Iowa
Creger, J H, Peru, Iowa
Dye, Aaron, Audubon, Iowa
Elwell, J O, Afton, Iowa
Fitzgerald, E, Shambaugh, Iowa
Garrett, E E, Murray, Iowa
Lamb, C B, Creston, Iowa
Lamb, Jehu, Lowry City, Mo.
Lamb N E, Lowry City, Mo.
Lockwood, Samuel, Osceola, Iowa
Miller, M B, Madrid, Iowa
Moffit, S, Afton, Iowa
Reed, John D, Thayer, Iowa
Towner, J L, Corning, Iowa
Young, Charles H, Truro, Iowa

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Christian Union No. 112—GW Needham, Westerville, Ia
First Otter Creek—John Barger, Liberty Center, Iowa
Green Castle—N E Lamb, Clarkson, Iowa
Hill of Zion—A S Lynn, Orient, Iowa
Hopeville—James Lent, Hopeville, Iowa
Mt. Zion—J F Clawson, Westerville, Iowa
North River—L Bishop, Summerset, Iowa
Peru—L P Hiatt, East Peru, Iowa
Pleasant Ridge—J Caldwell, Afton, Iowa
Pleasant Valley—David Abbott, Thayer, Iowa
Thayer—S S Morrow, Thayer, Iowa
Truro—John Holmes, Truro, Iowa

Western Pennsylvania.

(Reported by Secretary Lytle.)

The Western Pennsylvania Christian Conference was organized February, 17-20, 1870, at Sugarloaf, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Next session at Sugarloaf, Fayette County, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1897.

President—Rev. W. S. Miller, Newhaven, Pennsylvania.
Secretary—Chas. Lytle, Confluence, Pennsylvania.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Jennings, I, Haydentown, Pennsylvania
Jennings, John, Haydentown, Pennsylvania
Kingsnorth, John, Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania
Knight, W H H, Hammondville, Pennsylvania
Miller, N B, Dryfork, West Virginia
Miller, W S, Newhaven, Pennsylvania
Stevenson, J V, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Stillwagon, J E, Box 418, Connellsville, Pennsylvania

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Bridgeport—D H Eicher, Stauffer, Pa
Clarksville—Priscilla Rush, Haydentown, Pa
Haydentown—A B Swaney, Haydentown, Pa
Mountain Grove—I Jennings, Haydentown, Pa
Pleasant Unity—Maggie King, Pleasant Unity, Pa
Sugarleaf—A R Boyd, Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania

REV. A. D. KELLISON, MADISON, KANSAS.
First President of Des Moines Conference.

ELDER ABNER JONES WELTON was born at Fairlee, Vermont, February 27, 1815. His parents and grandparents were members of the Christian Church of Bradford, Vermont. He was converted at sixteen. In 1832 he went to New York, and four years later to Pennsylvania, and settled at Covington where he married Miss Lucy Putnam, a descendant of Israel Putnam of Revolutionary fame. Six children were born to them, four of whom are still living and are true to their childhood's training. September 10, 1843, Elder Welton was ordained at Covington, Pennsylvania, and in this state began the active labors of a life destined to wield a wide influence in the cause of right. His work has been largely pioneer missionary labor. Like Paul, he has gone up and down through Northern Central Pennsylvania, Southern Central New York, establishing and encouraging churches. Four church edifices are the result of his earnest efforts, while almost numberless are the churches that have felt the influence of his labors. He has organized eight churches. His last and greatest work was the organization of the church at Binghamton, New York. Though nearing the eighty-second milestone of life, Elder Welton is still well preserved in body and mind, —a remarkable instance of God's care for his beloved.

REV. ABNER JONES WELTON, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK (New York Southern Conference).

New York Southern Conference.

(Reported by Secretary VanAtta)

Next session will be held with the Binghamton First Christian Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1897, at 10:30 A.M.

President—Geo. P. Hubbard, Harford Mills, N. Y.
Secretary—J. H. VanAtta, 57 Jarvis St., Binghamton, New York.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Frink, D P, Beaver Meadow, New York
Hill, Lyman, Glen Aubrey, New York
Holdridge, Ira, Oquaga, New York
James, Owen, Eastport, Maine
Lyon, G W, East Willet, New York
Mather, Harriet L B, Moravia, New York
McCord, E K, Binghamton, New York
Newitt, H I, Deruyter, New York
Stearns, J W, Schoharie, New York
Welton, A J, Binghamton, New York
Wilber, H C, Vandalia, New York
Wilcox, David, Harford Mills, New York
Williams, F B, Newport, Pennsylvania
Youmans, J T, Whitney Point, New York

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Binghamton—Mrs Hattie George, Binghamton, N Y
Carolina—H M Pettengrove, Slaterville, New York
East Willett—W H Smith, Upper Lisle, New York
Glen Aubrey—Mrs A Stalker, Glen Aubrey, New York
Harford Mills—G C Smith, Harford Mills, New York
Kirkwood—Mrs Emery B Hull, Langdon, New York
Otselic First—Mrs Louis Frink, Beaver Meadow, N Y
Union—Mrs D F Lashed, Hooper, New York
West Windsor—Mrs D Jackson, West Windsor, N Y

Eastern Indiana Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Long.)

Originally organized as the Bluffton Christian Conference in 1837, then as the Eastern Indiana in 1873.

Next session will be held at Albany, Indiana, September (Tuesday after the second sabbath), 1897, at 2 P.M.

President—Rev. G. W. Johnson, Eaton, Indiana.

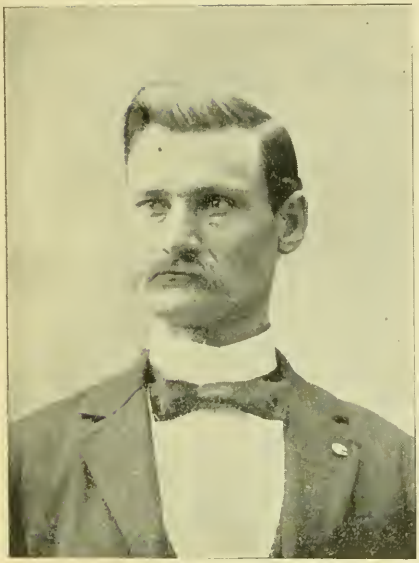
Secretary—Rev. Samuel Long, Versailles, Ohio.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Addington, A M, Horn, Indiana
Arnold, Geo, Coldwater, Ohio
Arrick, R P, Albany, Indiana
Bailey, John A, Millville, Indiana
Bennett, S W, Woodington, Ohio
Blodgett, Geo W, Eaton, Indiana
Bosworth, A R, Enon, Ohio
Bosworth, H B, Portland, Indiana
Brown, C O, Merom, Indiana
Brown, Eliza L, Liberty, Indiana
Burch, E, Manilla, Indiana
Burkett, F Z, Mechanicsburg, Indiana
Byrkit, C F, Ogden, Indiana
Byrkit, J, Knightstown, Indiana
Cain, Geo B, Gettysburg, Ohio
Canada, F F, Sherman, Indiana
Capron, Levi, Union City, Indiana
Coates, Anna, Harrisville, Indiana
Cochran, J H, Portland, Indiana
Coons, J A, Nottingham, Indiana
Coons, Jos M, Powers, Indiana
Cortner, J R, Winchester, Indiana
Davenport, D S, Harrisville, Indiana
Denny, L L, Selma, Indiana
Drake, P A, Windsor, Indiana
Elliott, Martha, Farmland, Indiana
Fifer, E, Anderson, Indiana
Gray, Isaac H, Muncie, Indiana
Green, O S, Ft. Recovery, Ohio
Grey, N W, Brinckley, Indiana
Guinn, M M, Portland, Indiana
Gunkel, J M, Parker, Indiana
Harris, O A, Wabash, Ohio
Hunt, A W, Priam, Indiana
Jacobs, Jesse, Boundary, Indiana
Johnson, I V D R, Carlos, Indiana
Johnson, G W, Eaton, Indiana
Johnson, L W, Losantville, Indiana
Jones, J E, Hollansburg, Ohio
Julian, Tiffin, Pemberton, Ohio
Kemp, B F, Union City, Indiana
Kershner, Rebecca, West Liberty, Ohio
Long, A, Versailles, Ohio
Long, Samuel, Versailles, Ohio
Lott, H L, Portland, Indiana
McNees, Samuel, Farmland, Indiana
Mollott, Riley T, Anderson, Indiana
Mullin, W F, Farmland, Indiana
Myers, Clement, Pony, Indiana
Nealeigh, Jacob, Ludlow Falls, Ohio
Nealeigh, Wm, Arcanum, Ohio
Newhouse, J T, Sulphur Springs, Indiana
Oren, A H, Farmland, Indiana
Powell, D, Wingate, Indiana
Reedy, Emma, Redkey, Indiana
Roberds, Jas, Sabina, Ohio
Robins, John R, Como, Indiana
Robinson, P J, Farmland, Indiana
Ross, W D, Redkey, Indiana
Simonton, S S, Montpelier, Indiana
Spade, D F, Portland, Indiana
Spade, Wm, Bryant, Indiana
Spencer, N H, Farmland, Indiana
Spitzer, T A, New Mt Pleasant, Indiana
Stanley, Hannah M, Economy, Indiana
Stovenour, F, Portland, Indiana
Tate, W H H, Dunkirk, Indiana
Terrell, Wm, Windsor, Indiana
Turney, F Z, Muncie, Indiana
Turney, W H, Muncie, Indiana
Warner, J F, Hillgrove, Ohio
Watson, Henry, Anderson, Indiana
Watson, John A, Harrisville, Indiana
Wetzel, J A, Winchester, Indiana
Wilgus, Vina B, Oran, Ohio
Woton, Hugh, Jordan, Indiana
Wright, Geo W, Woodington, Ohio

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Albany—Miss Dora Wolverton, Albany, Indiana
Antioch—M M Holiday, Losantville, Indiana
Ashland—Pearl Laybayteau, Ashland, Indiana
Beamsville—Dennis Shaffer, Dawn, Ohio
Beaver Chapel—J B Finley, Celina, Ohio
Bethel—Geo Dunden, Coldwater, Ohio
Blountsville—J S Barr, Blountsville, Indiana
Boston—Miss Minnie Druley, Boston, Indiana
Bristol—John Prigg, Middletown, Indiana
Brock—Finley Laurch, Brock, Ohio
Buenavista—Miss Della Rinard, Cerrogordo, Ind
Carlos—Isaac E Smith, Carlos, Indiana
Chester Center—Montpelier, Indiana
Christian Chapel—Muncie, Indiana
Clear Creek—Seth Hinshaw, Clark, Indiana
Coletown—Mrs C Fry, Mt. Heron, Ohio
Como—J W Ray, Como, Indiana
Corinth— ———, Muncie, Indiana
Eden—J H Shideler, Shideler, Indiana
Elms Grove—P A Davis, Collett, Indiana
Fairview—John Judy, Darke, Ohio
Fall Creek— ———, Middletown, Ohio
Farmland—Zina Foster, Farmland, Indiana
Fellowship—D C Ashcroft, Ample, Indiana
Ft Recovery—Mrs Elma D Rapp, Ft. Recovery, Ohio
Good Hope—W E Michael, Deerfield, Indiana
Hagerstown—A C Walker, Hagerstown, Indiana
Hannas Creek—Homer Latuze, Liberty, Indiana
Harrisville—Sam'l Combs, Harrisville, Indiana
Hurricane—S T Overlease, Milroy, Indiana
Jefferson—David Myers, Upland, Indiana
Jirch—O Holiday, Shideler, Indiana
Middletown— ———, Saratoga, Indiana
Millville—Alfred Weber, Millville, Indiana
Mississinewa—J H Ford, Brinckley, Indiana
Montpelier—Wm Adams, Montpelier, Indiana
Mooreland—A Wrightsman, Mooreland, Indiana
Mt. Gilead— ———, Redkey, Indiana
Mt. Zion— ———, Celina, Ohio
Mt. Zion—F M Thornburg, Losantville, Indiana
Muncie, First—D B Miller, 1525 South Monroe Street, Muncie, Indiana
New Liberty—Wm H Bales, Winchester, Indiana
Noble—George Arbaugh, Ft. Recovery, Ohio
North White River—John Driven, Farmland, Indiana
Nottingham—W R Adams, Nottingham, Indiana
Ogden—O B Byrkit, Ogden, Indiana
Olive Branch—W C Bosworth, Horn, Indiana
Osgood—Dottie Miller, Osgood, Ohio
Philadelphia— ———, Selma, Indiana
Pleasant Hill—A L Lindley, Jordan, Indiana
Pleasantgrove—Farmland, Indiana
Pleasant Vale—John T Swihart, Powers, Indiana
Pleasant Valley—H N Kempt, Millgrove, Indiana
Pleasantridge—A P Richard, Vine, Ohio
Portland, First—T H Denney, Portland, Indiana
Prairie Grove—
Redkey— ———, Redkey, Indiana
Salamonia—P G Collett, Portland, Indiana
Sardina—Geo H Gravatt, Mills Corners, Indiana
Sharon—Anna M Godlove, Albany, Indiana
Shiloh—Geo Arbaugh, Farmland, Indiana
Silver Creek—Ezra Lafuze, Liberty, Indiana
Stelvideo— ———, Stelvideo, Ohio
Straughn—Mary Waddell, Straughn, Indiana
Sugar Grove— ———, Hagar, Ohio
Sulphur Springs—Sulphur Springs, Indiana
Union Chapel—Liberty, Indiana
Wabash Valley—David Bender, Delvin, Ohio
Walnut Grove—Robert Brannon, Yorkshier, Ohio
White River—C M McKees, Farmland, Indiana
White Union—David Strough, Honeycreek, Indiana
Winchester—Winchester, Indiana
Windsor—S W Kennedy, Windsor, Indiana
Woodington—J W Gauger, Woodington, Ohio



REV. D. POWELL, WINGATE, INDIANA.
(Eastern Indiana Conference.)

Red River Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Holley.)

This conference was organized at Hamilton Springs, Indian Territory, October, 1895. The name Red River was selected because it embraced the churches on both sides of the river.

Next session at Independence Church, Texas, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1897.

President—A. W. Penuel, Basin Springs, Texas.

Secretary—W. S. Holley, Brownville, Indian Ter.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

(Ministers and churches marked thus * are of the North Texas Conference, with W. A. Smith, Sadler, Texas, President, and Wm. Brogdon, Locust, Texas, Secretary.)

*Chatwell, D S, Peaster, Texas
Cox, W G, Brownville, Indian Territory
Eldredge, H, Sadler, Texas
Eubanks, J W, Willis, Indian Territory
Eubanks, W L, Willis, Indian Territory
*Harshberger, A, Sadler, Texas
Martin, C H, Ada, Indian Territory
*Mayfield, G, Newport, Texas
*Mullinax, John, Sadler, Texas
Pemberton, J S, Willis, Indian Territory
Rollins, H D, Brownville, Indian Territory
Scott, G W, Willowpoint, Texas
*White, John, Armour, Texas

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Agnes—Kate Jordan, Agnes, Texas
Bourland—S C Rose, Willis, Indian Territory
*Christian Home—L Crouse, Martin Springs, Texas
Hamilton Springs—Charley Tharp, Lark, Ind Ter
Independence—A W Penuel, Basin Springs, Texas
*Overton Springs—Wm Teurman, Locust, Texas
Plainview—E H Herrin, Oakland, Indian Territory
*Plainview—Bettie Marey, Gage, Texas
Pleasant Valley—I T Richardson, Bridgeport, Texas
Shay Prairie—Katie E Eubanks, Willis, Ind Ter
Star—M Fortney, Brownville, Indian Territory

Northern Kansas Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Forrey.)

Next session at Morning Star Church, Norton County, Kansas, Wednesday, 10 A M., before the full moon in October, 1897.

President—C. C. Stoner, Rice, Kansas.

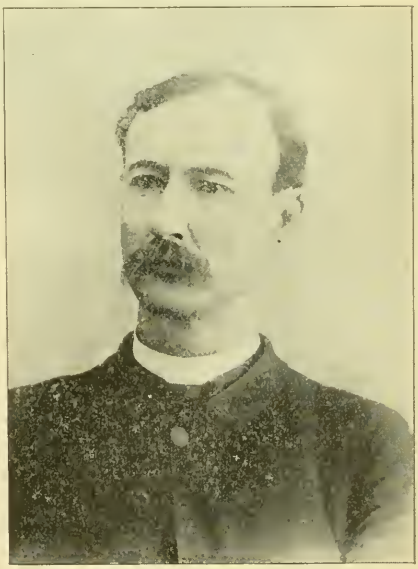
Secretary—Miss Hattie M. Forrey, Harrison, Kansas.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Baker, J F, Lincoln, Kansas
Bushong, Hannah, Heber, Kansas
Bushong, Peter, Heber, Kansas
Coate, J W, Heber, Kansas
Daley, Hiram, Almena, Kansas
Dexter, Henry, Burroak, Kansas
Ellis, Martin, Lincoln, Kansas
Elliot, Ellen, Heber, Kansas
Harper, M O, Bloomington, Nebraska
Harvey, E E, Warwick, Kansas
Hillman, J J, Lincoln, Kansas
Merritt, J G, Mahaska, Kansas
Naillieux, Samuel, Corcordia, Kansas
Nelson, J M, Morrowville, Kansas
Noble, P S, Willamina, Oregon
Randall, B F, Agra, Kansas
Strange, J S, Lincoln, Kansas
Strange, F M, Lincoln, Kansas
Thornburg, E, Burroak, Kansas
Wright, H J, Graves, Kansas

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Edson—A Day, Edson, Kansas
Kinder Hook—
Lincoln—Dora Strange, Lincoln, Kansas
Merideth—J C Stallings, Heber, Kansas
Morning Star—Stella Hines, Almena, Kansas
Nelson—Emma Bolen, Rice, Kansas
Olive Hill—W H Walker, Gregory, Kansas
Pleasant Hill—W P Gilson, Reamsville, Kansas
Pleasant Home—Albert Lister, Brewster, Kansas
Pleasant Valley—L T Ford, Oakhill, Kansas
Shermanville—Kate Bray, Charlotte, Kansas
Side View—
South Side—Cora Felker, Trenton, Nebraska
Sunny Side—Josephus Baker, Lincoln, Kansas



REV. R. P. ARRICK, ALBANY, INDIANA.
(Eastern Indiana Conference.)

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, RYE, N. H. (Rockingham Conference), REV. G. A. BEEBE, Pastor.

Organized, 1833. Church building burned in 1888. Rebuilt in 1889. A good parsonage stands across the street, opposite the church. Deacons, C. M. Rand and C. D. Garland. Clerk, J. W. Lang.

Spring River Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Hull.)

President—F. M. Thomas, Elba, Oklahoma.
Secretary—Rev. Emerson Hull, Columbus, Kansas

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Burton, Geo, Hallowell, Kansas
Gibson, James, Greenfield, Missouri
Glaze, James, Montana, Kansas
Hull, Emerson, Columbus, Kansas
Humphries, A, Aurora, Missouri
Van Horn, W M, Galena, Kansas
Ramey, Royal, South Greenfield, Missouri
Stookesberry, A

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Galena—Mrs Deerfelt, Galena, Kansas
Hallowell—Wm A McKee, Hallowell, Kansas
Mitchell—Synthe McEwen, Columbus, Kansas

Virginia Valley Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Kagey.)

Next session at Bethlehem Church, Virginia, September 2, 1897.

President—Rev. R. H. Peel, Amberly, Virginia.

Secretary—J. S. Kagey, Linnville, Virginia.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Deans, D T, Ronda, North Carolina
Peel, R H, Amberly, Virginia
Swank, C H, Linnville, Virginia

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—T H Showalter, Chrisman, Virginia
Bethlehem—A B Martz, Lacey Spring, Virginia
Concord—J C Huffman, Hupp, Virginia
Linnville—C E Beery, Linnville, Virginia
Newhope—Walter Liskey, Harrisonburg, Virginia

REV. ALBERT DUNLAP, COLUMBUS, OHIO.
(Mount Vernon Conference.)
Trustee Christian Publishing Association.

Indiana Miami Reserve Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Brown.)

Next session at the Mt. Zion Church, Miami County, Indiana, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1897.

President—Isaac G. Cook, Cyclone, Indiana.

Secretary—George Brown, Frankton, Indiana.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Bozell, George, Tipton, Indiana
Byrkit, Eli, Warren, Indiana
Clark, J L, Summitville, Indiana.
Clymer, J F, Elwood, Indiana
Comer, J E, Center, Indiana
Comer, James, Russiaville, Indiana
Deerin, Oren, Upland, Indiana
Dipboye, J W, Elwood, Indiana
Dipboye, J, Sr, Summitville, Indiana
Dipboye, J, Jr, Linwood, Indiana
Fite, S D, Marion, Indiana
Florea, Henry, Hackleman, Indiana
Foster, G D, Kempton, Indiana
Freeman, A C ——, Iowa
Garling, L K, Russiaville, Indiana
Havens, I A, Elwood, Indiana
Hercules, L W, Center, Indiana
Himes, Lewis, Elwood, Indiana
Hinkle, A P, Goldsmith, Indiana
Hobson, F B, Indianapolis, Indiana
Hubbartt, Geo, Warren, Indiana
Hubbartt, Thomas, Warren, Indiana
Kinder, Joseph, Hobbs, Indiana
Layman, John, Kempton, Indiana
Morris, A N, Muncie, Indiana
Morris, J F, Anderson, Indiana
Mouncey, Bruce, Redkey, Indiana
Page, J W, Jefferson, Indiana
Page, R W, Majenica, Indiana
Parsons, John, Florida, Indiana
Potter, C W, Redkey, Indiana
Roberts, M, Upland, Indiana
Sheets, Mary J, Yorktown, Indiana
Smith, F, Swayzee, Indiana
Snodgrass, C W, Marion, Indiana
Stafford, T L, Anderson, Indiana
Webb, L, Atlanta, Indiana
Wiles, M M, Terhune, Indiana
Winton, James B, Tipton, Indiana
Wisehart, Emaline, Muncie, Indiana

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Anderson—J A Watser, Anderson, Indiana
Bethel—H Whiteman, Cyclone, Indiana
Center—Ed T Hatten, Center, Indiana
Christian Chapel—New Castle, Indiana
Elm Grove— ——, Indiana
Elwood—Eugene Arnold, Elwood, Indiana
Farrville—John Ferguson, Farrville, Indiana
Ironwood—S Todd, Myers, Indiana
Landesville— ——, Indiana
Linwood—Sadie Thomas, Linwood, Indiana
Lugar Creek—R J Andrews, Marion, Indiana
Middle Prairie—Silas Irby, Groomsville, Indiana
New Hope—W Bishop, Atlanta, Indiana
Pikes Peak—John Miller, Daleville, Indiana
Prairieville—E Simmons, Wiles, Indiana
Reeds—M C Ratcliff, Reed, Indiana
Richland—G D Foster, Ekin, Indiana
Sharpsville— ——, Indiana
South Marion— ——, Marion, Indiana
Sugar Creek—John Walker, Terhune, Indiana
Tetersville—Elmer Simmons, Goldsmith, Indiana
Union Chapel—John Wisman, Tipton, Indiana
Union Valley—Henry Buckles, Elwood, Indiana
Whetstone Chapel—Ira Harpool, Anderson, Indiana

Mount Vernon Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Harrod.)

This conference was organized in 1842.

Next session at Centerburg, Ohio, Thursday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1897, at 10 A.M.

President—Rev Enos Peters, Appleton, Ohio.

Secretary—Rev. Mills Harrod, Columbus, Ohio.

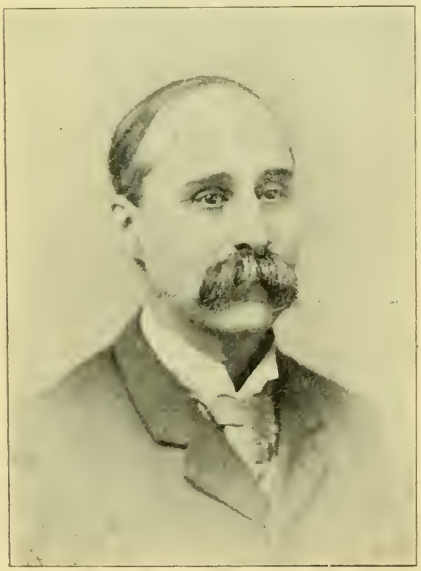
REV. MILLS HARROD, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
Secretary Mount Vernon Conference,
Trustee Christian Publishing Association.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Carter, J M, New Waterford, Ohio
Cope, Lycurgus, East Carmel, Ohio
Cope, Mrs Lycurgus, East Carmel, Ohio
Cowgill, S G, New Alexandria, Ohio
Dunlap, Albert, Columbus, Ohio
Grate, G W, Signal, Ohio
Hagans, C M, Milford Center, Ohio
Harris, E M, Ripley, Ohio
Harrod, Mills, Columbus, Ohio
Hill, G C, Centerburg, Ohio
Kilpatrick, R S, Perryton, Ohio
Long, H R, Centerburg, Ohio
Maine, S S, New Brighton, Pennsylvania
Manville, I J, Sparta, Ohio
McKown, S S, Beloit, Ohio
Peters, F H, Centerburg, Ohio
Peters, E, Appleton, Ohio
Smith, H A, Belle Center, Ohio
Smith, Mrs R E A, Newark, Ohio
Weaver, J H, Kensington, Ohio
Wright, J W, Willowbrook, Ohio

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Appleton—John Benner, Croton, Ohio
Centerburg—W D Willis, Centerburg, Ohio
Churchill—S Stooksberry, Signal, Ohio
Cooperdale—Addie Rine, Cooperdale, Ohio
Danville—Miss Lou Tressel, Danville, Ohio
East Middleton—J F Harrison, Mosk, Ohio
East Rochester—W Kelley, Kensington, Ohio
East Union—Mary Barkelow, New Guilford, Ohio
Fairview—J B Oldaker, Utica, Ohio
Hazel Del—Volney Nichols, Newark, Ohio
Highland—M Johns, Teegarden, Ohio
Licking—John Hall, Homer, Ohio
Mt. Pleasant—Frank Baughman, Perryton, Ohio
Mt. Zion—B F Shafer, Frazeysburg, Ohio
Newark—C Leonard, Newark, Ohio
New Alexandria—D W Crist, Moultrie, Ohio
New Bethel—F J Sherrick, Lyonsdale, Ohio
Roseville—Luther Pace, Roseville, Ohio
Sparta—I J Manville, Sparta, Ohio
Sugar Grove—A Harrison, Brandon, Ohio
Utica—Orange Dunlap, Utica, Ohio
Virginia—A Wright, Willowbrook, Ohio
Westville—Rebecca Randolph, Beloit, Ohio



GEO. W. GUNDER, ESQ., MARION, INDIANA, Trustee Christian Publishing Association.

REV. ROBERT HARRIS, (Central Illinois Conference). Trustee Christian Publishing Association, and Pastor Christian Church, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Eastern Atlantic N. C. (Colored) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Taylor.)

Next session November 18, 1897.
President—Rev. Joseph Mann, Newbern, N. C.
Secretary—Rev. F. L. Taylor, Newbern, N. C.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Aldrige, J, Newbern, North Carolina
Black, T, Wilmington, North Carolina
Foy, S, Newbern, North Carolina
Hyman, F W, Harlowe, North Carolina
Lewis, C, Maribel, North Carolina
Mann, Joseph, Newbern, North Carolina
Randall, P K, Arapahoe, North Carolina
Small, A, Newbern, North Carolina
Sutton, A, Pamlico, North Carolina
Sutton, B, Arapahoe, North Carolina
Sutton, F, Pamlico, North Carolina
Taylor, F L, Newbern, North Carolina
Williams, M, Polloksville, North Carolina

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Broad Creek Chapel—H E Moor, Pamlico, N C
Cedar Hill—Jacob Onslow, Wilmington, North Carolina
Galilee—H Hunter, Pamlico, North Carolina
Greens Chapel—S Green, Port Barneaville, N C
Myrtle Grove—S M Holt, Maysville, North Carolina
Oak Grove—M J Lane, Tuscarora, North Carolina
Pilgrims Rest—C A McCabe, Harlowe, North Carolina
Smalls Chapel—A Sanderson, Arapahoe, N C
Stilla Mission—A F Williams, ———.
St. Antioch—J F Squires, Maribel, North Carolina
St. Matthew Chapel—J G Coleman, Polloksville, N C
Union Chapel—Wade Taylor, Coahoma, N C
Watson Tabernacle—M Franks, Newbern, N C
Zion Hill—H Cooper, Pamlico, North Carolina

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS (Central Illinois Conference), REV. ROBERT HARRIS, Pastor.

Central Illinois Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Willson.)

This conference was organized at Union Church, Vermilion Co., Ill., September 24, 1852.

Next session at the Olive Church on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1897.

President—A. L. Johnson, Alvin, Illinois.

Secretary—Will R. Willson, Stateline, Indiana.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Braithwaite, E, Ivesdale, Illinois
Clapp, J Alex, Danville, Illinois
Coake, David, Danville, Illinois
Draper, G W, 816 Harmon Ave, Danville, Illinois
Ealey, W M, 501 E Oregon St, Urbana, Illinois
Embree, Isaac, Georgetown, Illinois
Fitts, F F, Chesterfield, Illinois
Green, John, 713 Logan Ave, Danville, Illinois
Gunn, H H, Oakwood, Illinois
Harrington, M J, Merom, Indiana
Harris, R, 1032 N Walnut St, Danville, Illinois
Harshbarger, S, Atwood, Illinois
Hawk, C, Merom, Indiana
Hodges, S, Catlin, Illinois
Lawrence, G D, Arthur, Illinois
Lake, Israel, Hillsdale, Indiana
Martin, James H, Johnsonville, Indiana
Masterson, C S, Garrett, Illinois
Mendenhall, I C, Calhoun, Illinois
Miller, Mrs K E, Atwood, Illinois
Miller, T H, Lane, Illinois
Patterson, J J, 810 Gilbert St, Danville, Illinois
Rippey, G W, Atwood, Illinois
Shultz, P M, Filley, Missouri
Snyder, Thomas, Pilot, Illinois
Stovall, J W, Bourbon, Illinois
Swisher, Samuel, Danville, Illinois

CHUACHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Arthur—W H H Reeder, Arthur, Illinois
Atwood—C A Collins, Atwood, Illinois
Bethel—E B James, Mansfield, Illinois
Cedar Grove—Clara B Rouse, Blount, Illinois
Christian Chapel—W P Craig, Pilot, Illinois
Danville—T W Armstrong, Danville, Illinois
Forest Hill—Charles B Hall, Stateline, Indiana
Hedrick—Scott Compton, Hedrick, Indiana
Hope—Anna Collison, Hope, Illinois
Lake Fork—Mrs Anna Quick, Atwood, Illinois
Laplace—Selwin Blythe, Laplace, Illinois
Milmine—Mrs Lizzie Lafever, Milmine, Illinois
Mt. Zion—Elmer Clements, Urbana, Illinois
Muncie—J G Lucas, Muncie, Illinois
New Village Chapel—Thos Brazelton, Georgetown, Ill
Olive—Mrs Emma Howser, Deers, Illinois
Pleasant Grove—Henry Pieplow, St. Joseph, Illinois
Pleasant View—Zac Starr, Bismarck, Illinois
Poage—Sallie Osborn, Homer, Illinois
Prairie Chapel—Eva Brown, Voorhies, Illinois
Prairie Hope—Wiley Hawk, St. Joseph, Illinois
Prospect—H V Cardiff, Ogden, Illinois
Rileysburg—Jacob Marble, Rileysburg, Indiana
South Prairie—Mrs Etta Beckwith, Farmer City, Ill
Tilton—E W Huston, Vandercook, Illinois
U C Chapel—George H Erhardt, Pierson, Illinois
Urbana—Mrs Belle Caruthers, Urbana, Illinois

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LEWISBURG, PA. (New Jersey Conference), REV. E. A. DEVORE, Pastor.

Organized 1821 by Elijah Bacon. Above building dedicated 1855. Has a good parsonage. The church is a mighty power for the dissemination of Bible principles and Christian fellowship.

New Jersey Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Bodine.)

The New Jersey Conference was organized at Peapack, N. J., June 25, 1830, with Elder Simon Clough, of New York, as president, and I. C. Goff, of Camptown, N. J., as secretary.

Next session at Hope, N. J., the fourth Friday in May, 1897.

President—Rev. W. H. Hainer, Irvington, New Jersey.
Secretary—H. F. Bodine, Locktown, New Jersey.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Blackford, G E, Kalona, Iowa
Brand, A L, Trenton, New Jersey
Chase, W P, Milford, New Jersey
Clark, J B, Gulf Mills, Pennsylvania
Conrad, John, 670 N 13th St, Philadelphia, Pa
Epright, John, Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania
Fanton, B S, Castile, New York
Hainer, W H, Irvington, New Jersey
Hall, E C, Locktown, New Jersey
Hayes, J E, Baptisttown, New Jersey
Jackson, E M, Danbury, Connecticut
Laird, Joseph R, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Lennon, Wm, Gulf Mills, Pennsylvania
Mitchell, E E, 2041 Brandywine St, Philadelphia, Pa
Pittman, James, Finesville, New Jersey
Price, W J, Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania
Summerbell, Carl, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
Summerbell, J J, Dayton, Ohio
Sailer, P S, Frenchtown, New Jersey
Shear, George D, Trumbull Corners, New York
Topping, J P, Johnsonburg, New Jersey
Topping Loretta, Johnsonburg, New Jersey
Vandyck, R W, Madisonville, Pennsylvania
Wilmarth, I J, Vienna, New Jersey

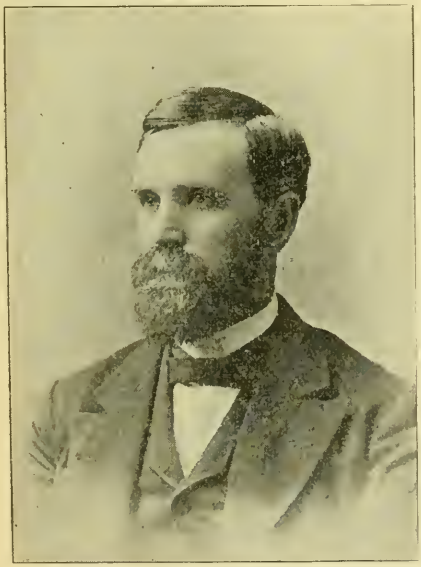
CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Baleville—Mrs M H Couse, Halsey, New Jersey
Carversville—Hattie F Watson, Lahaska, Pa
Chapmantown—
Fairview—Charles C Smith, Bridgeboro, New Jersey
Finesville—E A Flenard, Finesville, New Jersey
Frenchtown—S R Opdycke, Frenchtown, New Jersey
Gulf Mills—James G Cornog, Gulf Mills, Pa
Hope—John H Black, Hope, New Jersey
Hopewell—Isaac Horn, Hopewell, New Jersey

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
(New Jersey Conference.)
REV. W. H. HAINER, Pastor.

First organized with seventeen members into a branch of Broome Street Christian Church, New York City, by Simon Clough and Wm. Lowe. One month later, October 24, 1830, organized into an independent church by Rev. I. C. Goff, first regular pastor. Present edifice erected 1889. Dedicated, free of debt, June 26, 1890.

REV. W. H. HAINER, President New Jersey Conference, Pastor Christian Church, IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY.



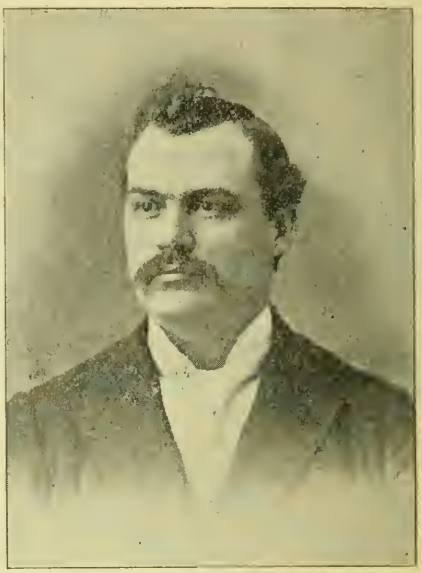
REV. E. A. DEVORE, D.D., (Southern Ohio Conference.) Pastor Christian Church, LEWISBURG, PENN.

REV. E. C. HALL, (New Jersey Conference.) Pastor Christian Church, LOCKTOWN, NEW JERSEY.

Irvington—Fred W Boggs, Irvington, New Jersey
Johnsonburg—J W Hart, Johnsonburg, New Jersey
Lewisburg—Annie Evans, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
Locktown—G W Hockenbury, Locktown, New Jersey
Madisonville—Kate Cartwright, Jubilee, Pennsylvania
Milford—W R Sailer, Milford, New Jersey

Monroe—
Mt. Zion—Geo Smith, 430 Bainbridge St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pleasant Hill—G K Edson, Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania
Tullytown—H L Moon, Tullytown, Pennsylvania
Vienna—A C Howell, Vienna, New Jersey

MILFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (New Jersey Conference.) REV. W. P. CHASE, Pastor.



REV. W. P. CHASE, (New Jersey Conference.) Pastor Christian Church, MILFORD, N. J.

Osage Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Chancellor)

Next session at call of president.

President—J M. Francis, Lowry City, Missouri.

Secretary—Rev. P. Chancellor, Hermitage, Missouri.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Adamson, John, Chalklevel, Missouri
Chancellor, P, Hermitage, Missouri
Huey, S C, Voris, Missouri
Renfrow, J M, Iberia, Missouri
Riley, W W, North Manchester, Indiana
Shepard, Geo H, Iberia, Missouri
Simms, John D, Weaubleau, Missouri
Sooter, Charles M, Ulman, Missouri
Sooter, Wm M, Iberia, Missouri
Thomas, S K, Ohio, Missouri
Whitaker, John, Weaubleau, Missouri

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—J M Francis, Lowry City, Missouri
Bethany—E M Allen, Terry, Missouri
Edith—John Martin, Edith, Missouri
Good Hope—L C Lee, Tavern, Missouri
Hopewell—Elizabeth Lee, Iberia, Missouri
Humphrey Creek—L A Barton, Capps, Missouri
Iberia—B F Fike, Iberia, Missouri
Johnson School House—Mary Nelson, Iberia, Missouri
Liberty—Wm Nickols, Dixon, Missouri
Manegan—C L Reasener, Ohio, Missouri
Mt. Gillead—Joseph Pendleton, Iberia, Missouri
Mt. Pisgah—Sherman Heberling, Teal, Missouri
Mt. Zion—P B Lupartus, Ulman, Missouri
Pleasant Valley—James Kelley, Dillon, Missouri
River Dale—Mary Wilson, Wheeler, Missouri
Union Hill—T J Murphy, Weaubleau, Missouri
Weaubleau—E L Butler, Weaubleau, Missouri
Zion Hill—F S Fitzwater, Maries, Missouri

Bible Union Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Osburn.)

This conference was organized at the Liberty Christian Church, December 6, 1883. Those that participated in its organization were Preston Wray, Alfred Osburn, Jesse George, Isaac Waskom, Martin Hughes, and Jacob Callihan, together with the delegates from four different Christian churches in the vicinity.

Next session at the West Liberty Church, Brown County, Indiana, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1897, at 9 A.M.

President—John White, Nashville, Indiana.

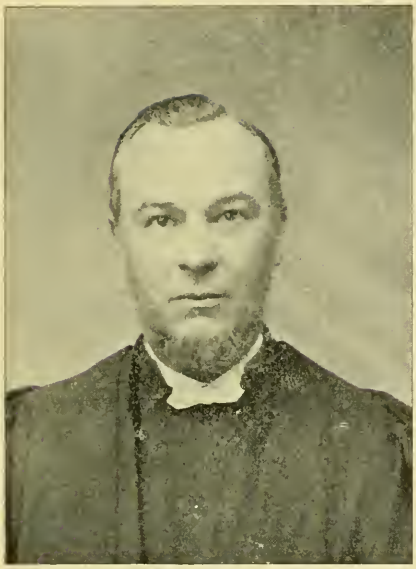
Secretary—Rev. Alfred Osburn, Eclipse, Indiana.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Aynes, Peter, Norman Station, Indiana
Callihan, Jacob, Mooney, Indiana
George, Jesse, Norman Station, Indiana
Graham, David, Nashville, Indiana
Hughes, Martin, Leesville, Indiana
Lindley, Thomas J, Medora, Indiana
McCume, John, Dillsboro, Indiana
Osburn, Alfred, Eclipse, Indiana
Petrow, Preston, Nashville, Indiana
Roddy, Samuel, Pikespeak, Indiana
Snyder, John, Pikespeak, Indiana
Waskom, Isaac, Odon, Indiana
Wilson, John R, Christiansburg, Indiana

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—D A Hawkins, Goss Mills, Indiana
Blue Valley—E F McCleary, Nashville, Indiana
Liberty—A Osburn, Eclipse, Indiana
Mt. Hermon—Isaiah Sherrill, Peter Cooper, Indiana
Mt. Pleasant—Jesse George, Norman Station, Indiana
Walnut Grove—B F Lane, Nashville, Indiana
West Liberty—B F Crouch, Nashville, Indiana



REV. J. A. BRINKWORTH, M.A.

THE subject of this sketch was born in 1837 at Brimscombe, England. His father was a Wesleyan in religion, and an expert in the manufacture of fine broadcloths. In 1848 the lad left home for a time to reside with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, in the Forest of Dean. While here Mr. Brinkworth attended meetings with the "Bible Christians," and taught the Bible class in their Sunday school. On the death of his aunt he returned to the family home where he went into the mill and helped in the making of broadcloths, working on the piece which took the first prize in the London exhibition of 1851. In 1854 he came to this country and settled at Buffalo, where he engaged in ship building.

In Buffalo he united with Grace M. E. Church and commenced preaching. In 1859 he returned to England, where he engaged in study under private tutors. Becoming acquainted with the Rev. Samuel Martin, he was baptized by him in 1862 and received into the membership of the General Baptists. The same year he married Miss Hannah Gaisford, who all these years has proven a true helpmeet.

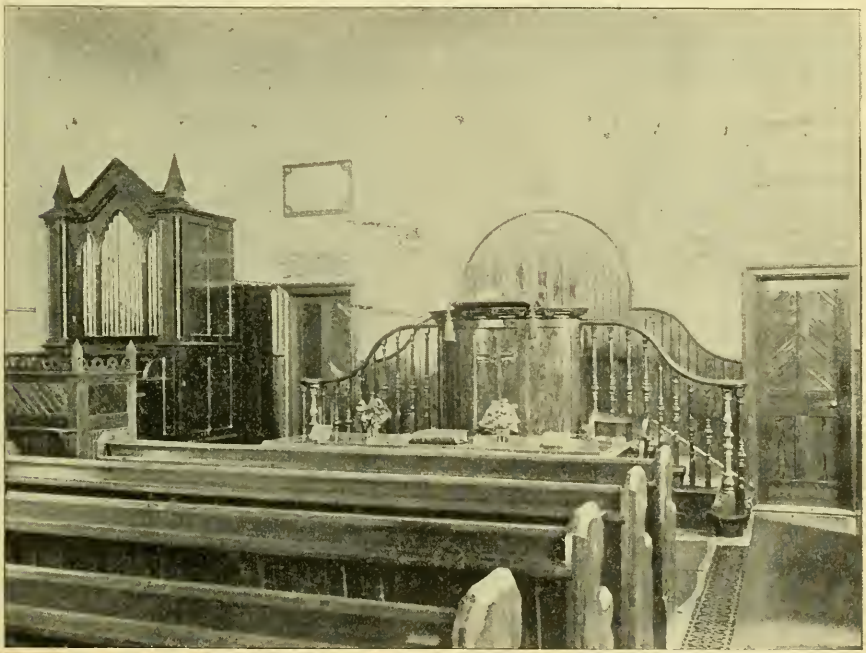
In 1875 he was chosen pastor of the General Baptist Church at Saffron-Walden, Essex, where he has served up to this writing.

He has from the time of entering the General Baptist body been one of their most prominent ministers, having been made Messenger of the Assembly for life, and having been their secretary for many years. When our Bro. D. W. Moore went to England as a delegate from the American Christian Convention it was Mr. Brinkworth who welcomed him. He is now President of the Assembly. Twice, in 1876 and in 1880, he has represented the General Baptists in fraternal greetings to our Western New York Conference, and the Canada Conference.

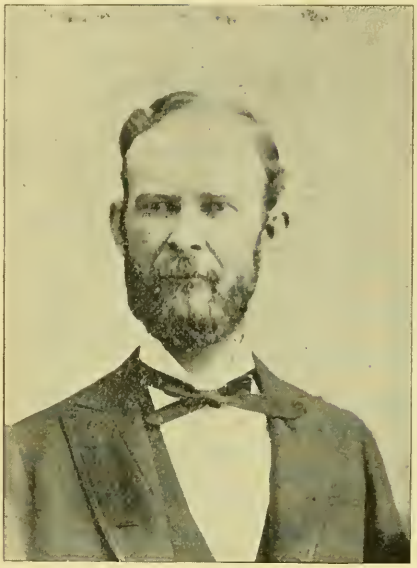
He is a man of the most indefatigable energy, a stirring preacher, and of most practical turn of mind. He can set a broken bone, unravel the puzzles of the lawyers, ferret out perpetrators of fraud in the management of trust funds, and push on all the lagging enterprises of the church.

Mr. Brinkworth is known far and wide in England for his fervent sympathy with America, and is often called "The American." He is also a valued correspondent of the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*.

MARTYN SUMMERBELL.



GENERAL BAPTIST CHAPEL, Saffron-Walden, Essex, England, REV. J. A. BRINKWORTH, Pastor.



JUDGE O. W. WHITELOCK, HUNTINGTON, INDIANA,
President Eel River Conference.

Eel River Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Bolton.)

Next session at the Paw Paw Christian Church, Wabash County, Indiana, August 11, 1897.

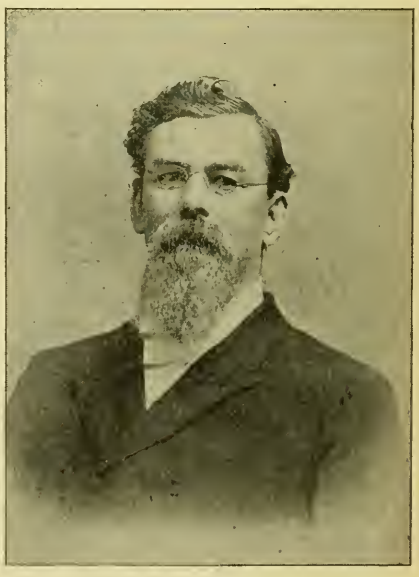
President—Judge O. W. Whitelock, Huntington, Ind.
Secretary—Rev. J. W. Bolton, Bluffton, Indiana.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Abbott, N H, Mt. Etna, Indiana
Amber, Joseph, Urbana, Indiana
Atkinson, D B, Muncie, Indiana
Bolton, J W, Bluffton, Indiana
Boswell, D S, Swayzee, Indiana
Fannin, Jesse, North Manchester, Indiana
Fowler, D W, Wabash, Indiana
Freeman, Riley, Urbana, Indiana
Gloyd, George W, Kimmell, Indiana
Hidy, David, North Manchester, Indiana
Jones, D W, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Kimball, U, Montpelier, Indiana
Manville, W S, Valparaiso, Indiana
Markley, J J, Murray, Indiana
Marks, C H, North Webster, Indiana
Marks, Levi, North Webster, Indiana
McGinnis, D A, Mt. Etna, Indiana
Miller, J W, Sidney, Indiana
Miller, V R, Goshen, Indiana
Mosure, Frank, Veracruz, Indiana
Parker, W G, Goshen, Indiana
Purdue, Wm, Warren, Indiana
Rheubottom, M G, Wakarusa, Indiana
Rittenhouse, Jacob, Ligonier, Indiana
Rittgers, J M, Huntington, Indiana
Robinson, Eliza, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Samuel, W D, Covington, Ohio
Stuart, W, North Manchester, Indiana
Tarr, C C, Bly, Indiana
Tompkins, Mrs M A, Elkhart, Indiana
Vandevere, Mattie, Marion, Indiana
Whitman, Thomas, South Whitley, Indiana
Winebrenner, Peter, Merriam, Indiana
Wood, J A, Huntington, Indiana
Young, W J, Wakarusa, Indiana

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—W E Schroll, Servia, Indiana
Bellville—Minnie Hart, Warren, Indiana
Bluffton—Alice Gettle, Bluffton, Indiana
Broadway—Samuel Ohlwine, Cromwell, Indiana
Buenavista—Ella Hall, Linngrove, Indiana
Clear Creek—J B Miller, Huntington, Indiana
Collamer—Nettie Goff. Collamer, Indiana
Dunfee—Thomas D Watson, Dunfee, Indiana
Eel River—W H Brubaker, South Whitley, Indiana
Goshen—C J Swart, Goshen, Indiana
Huntington—Mattie Thomas, Huntington, Indiana
Kelso—George W Gill, Majenica, Indiana
Leesburg—W H Clay, Leesburg, Indiana
Liberty Union—J T Mossburg, Bly, Indiana
Marion—Wm Miles, Marion, Indiana
Markle—
Merriam—T M Ott, Merriam, Indiana
Millersburg—A J Mays, Millershurg, Indiana
Millwood—J Whiteleather, Millwood, Indiana
Murray—B F Nash, Murray, Indiana
New Madison—J M Foust, Servia, Indiana
North Manchester—M Kannard, N. Manchester, Ind.
North Union—May Click, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
North Webster—C Huber, North Webster, Indiana
Olivet—A Kate May, Linwood, Indiana
Paw Paw—Samuel Amber, Urbana, Indiana
Pleasant Grove—J H Siminton, North Manchester, Indiana
Pleasant Hill (Wells Co)—J W Bock, Warren, Indiana
Pleasant Hill (Noble Co)—Emma Jarrett, Wawaka, Ind
Plumtree—W P Hubartt, Plumtree, Indiana
Salamonia—
Sidney—W Messimore, Sidney, Indiana
Six Mile—F Mosure, Veracruz, Indiana
South Liberty—
Sparta—Lizzie Whirledge, Kimmell, Indiana
Spring Hill—J Growcock, Ligonier, Indiana
Swayzee—C G Pence, Swayzee, Indiana
Thorn Creek—Jacob Fisher, Columbia City, Indiana
Union—Lewis Bayman, Collamer, Indiana
Wakarusa—D V Werntz, Wakarusa, Indiana
Warren—J H Thompson, Warren, Indiana
Waterford—Lydia Richards, Waterford, Indiana
Xenia—



REV. C. J. JONES, D.D., (Miami, Ohio, Conference.)
Pastor Christian Church.
MARION, INDIANA.

Northwestern Indiana Conference.

(Reported by Secretary West.)

The Northwestern Indiana Christian Conference was formerly known as the Tippecanoe Christian Conference, and was organized August 31, 1844, at Mount Pleasant, Cass County, Indiana. The ministers and churches composing this conference formerly composed the northern division of what was then known as the Colecreek Christian Conference. There were five ordained and two unordained ministers and fifteen churches in this first session of the Tippecanoe Christian Conference.

The name was changed to Northwestern Indiana Christian Conference at the session held at Argos, Indiana, August 8, 1879, at which time the present constitution was adopted. The articles of incorporation were placed on record in Cass County, Indiana, August 12, 1880.

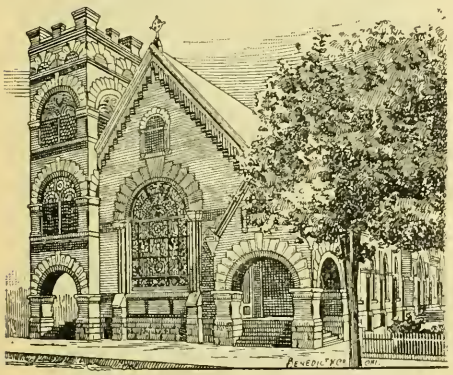
Next session at Deercreek Church, Cass County, Indiana, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August, 1897.

President—Rev. S. McNeely, Tiosa, Indiana.

Secretary—Rev. A. L. West, Logansport, Indiana.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Brown, Mrs Sarah A, Elwood, Indiana
Calvin, S O, Greentown, Indiana
Campbell, Joseph, Hopedale, Indiana
Capron, Rev, Pulaski, Indiana
Coplen, E, Rochester, Indiana
Corey, D L, Tipton, Indiana
Dunfee, Joseph, Tiosa, Indiana
Dykeman, G P, Anoka, Indiana
Feece, Wm, Monterey, Indiana
Ford, Samuel, Pulaski, Indiana
Gates, L, Ft. Dodge, Iowa
Greer, J G, Loco, Indiana
Heflin, Wm, Deercreek, Indiana
Jackman, Taylor, Kokomo, Indiana
Jones, E, Beard, Indiana
Kobb, J R, Center, Indiana
Ludders, J E, New Waverly, Indiana
McNeely, S, Tiosa, Indiana
Melson, B A, Tipton, Indiana
Miller, Abraham, Curveton, Indiana
Platt, A L, Sitka, Indiana
Reed, Wm R, Argos, Indiana
Rhinehart, Wm J, Pulaski, Indiana
Rupe, J C, Argos, Indiana
Strickland, C V, Huntington, Indiana
Strickland, Mrs M A, Huntington, Indiana
Vance, J W, Argos, Indiana
Vanness, F, Tipton, Indiana
West, A L, Logansport, Indiana
West, K E, Kokomo, Indiana
Wiley, Geo W, Logansport, Indiana
Winegardner, W S, Fulton, Indiana
Winegardner, W Y, Logansport, Indiana



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MARION, INDIANA, (Eel River Conference.) REV. C. J. JONES, D.D., Pastor.

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Argos—E W Hess, Argos, Indiana
Bloomingsburg—R D Meredith, Bloomingsburg, Ind
Buffalo—A G Coonrod, Buffalo, Indiana
Burrows—Mrs Mary Souder, Burrows, Indiana
Cedar Lake—Nelson Conner, Winona, Indiana
Crooked Creek—James Gray, Royal Center, Indiana
Deercreek—L F Murphy, Galveston, Indiana
Eel River—E G Gallahan, Peru, Indiana
Greentown—H C Applegate, Greentown, Indiana
Hickory Grove—F Million, Delphi, Indiana
Indian Creek—Samuel Kochel, Star City, Indiana
Keeps Creek—John Hines, Burrows, Indiana
Kokomo—A L Vickery, Kokomo, Indiana
Mt. Zion—Mattie Taylor, Walton, Indiana
New Waverly—Arrie Ferguson, New Waverly, Ind
Oakland—W G Cooper, Burlington, Indiana
Ora—Wm Truax, Ora, Indiana
Pipe Creek—Amos Helvie, Anoka, Indiana
Rock Creek Valley—W L Small, Logansport, Indiana
Shiloh—Etta Bussard, Logansport, Indiana
Summit View—C M Bennett, Argos, Indiana
Thomas Chapel—W H Haslett, Ockley, Indiana
Tiosa—M A Ralston, Tiosa, Indiana
Tippecanoe—S B Ford, Pulaski, Indiana
Tipton—Cordia Melson, Tipton, Indiana
Twelvemile—Levi Mans, Twelvemile, Indiana
West Sonora—Wm J Brown, Deercreek, Indiana
West Union—M M Heiland, Winamac, Indiana
Young America—S J Beck, Young America, Indiana

North Missouri Conference.

(Reported by Secretary DeWeese.)

The North Missouri Christian Conference was organized December 17, 1867, at the Fairview School House, Linn County, Missouri, by Elder John Davis and Elder John A. Killen, assisted by J. W. Rooks and B. F. Scott, delegates from Black Oak Grove Church, and T. W. Moody, delegate from Fairview Church.

Next session at the Bethlehem Church, Carroll County, Mo., September, 1897.

President—Rev. W. T. Cundiff, Laredo, Missouri.

Secretary—Rev. C. DeWeese, Indiangrove, Missouri.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Adkins, J B, Wakenda, Missouri
Bradshaw, J A, Unionville, Missouri
Collier, S D, Xenia, Missouri
Cundiff, W T, Laredo, Missouri
Davis, John, Laredo, Missouri
DeWeese, C, Indiangrove, Missouri
Duckworth, E T, Lowground, Missouri
Golden, A J, Greenleaf, Missouri
Hessenflow, F E, Farmersville, Missouri
Jennings, N L, Seymour, Iowa
Johnson, J S, Chillicothe, Missouri
Johnson, J W, Chillicothe, Missouri
Meeker, B F, Laredo, Missouri
Miller, T W, Halfrock, Missouri
Perry, H, Dewitt, Missouri
Stephenson, J W, Nodaway, Missouri
Summers, S P, Unionville, Missouri
Sweet, T, Dewitt, Missouri
Thomas, A A, Fairfield, Iowa
Webster, C W, Galt, Missouri

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Bethlehem—Morton Adkins, Wakenda, Missouri
Beulah—Thomas Dodson, Pennville, Missouri
Clarksdale—B H Morton, Clarksdale, Missouri
Craig S H—Mrs A Shindhelm, Dewitt, Missouri
Indian Grove—J T May, Indiangrove, Missouri
Long Branch—Mrs Adaline Cox, Keytesville, Missouri
Monarch—Enos Smither, Nodaway, Missouri
Mt. Harmony—H E Hanel, Unionville, Missouri
Pleasanthill—J A Claypole, Laredo, Missouri
Pleasantridge—Minerva Fife, Unionville, Missouri
Pleasant Valley—Joseph Bittiker, Dewitt, Missouri
Prairie View—J M Border, Xenia, Missouri
Rockford—E G Doherty, Chillicothe, Missouri
St. Joseph—F H Thomas, Voris, Missouri
Turkey Creek—J H Wright, Breckenridge, Missouri
Turtle Bend—L Walters, Norville, Missouri
Welcome Home—Mrs L E Hatfield, Lowground, Mo

JOHN AKERMAN, ESQ., HERRING, OHIO,
President Northwestern Ohio Conference.

Northwestern Ohio Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Mell.)

President—John Akerman, Herring, Ohio.
Secretary—Rev. G. R. Mell, Spencerville, Ohio.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Bell, S A, Quincy, Ohio
Bray, C A, Groverhill, Ohio
Bray, W O, Groverhill, Ohio
Bushong, John, Columbus Grove, Ohio
Chapman, J M, Delphos, Ohio
Deck, W N, Bryan, Ohio
Fawcett, I M, Columbus Grove, Ohio
Foltz, G W, Deshler, Ohio
Gander, Lewis, Vaughnsville, Ohio
Garner, C A, West Cairo, Ohio
Garner, G B, Portland, Indiana
Good, N C, Defiance, Ohio
Hager, J S, Junction, Ohio
Hance, C J, Spencerville, Ohio
Heston, Thomas, Degraff, Ohio
Hunt, E E, Dupont, Ohio
Iden, Alpheus, Dawn, Ohio
Jenkins, Levi, Mulhall, Oklahoma
Leonard, A, Groverhill, Ohio
Lepley, Daniel, Lima, Ohio
Lobaugh, C V, Continental, Ohio
Lobaugh, Daniel, Dupont, Ohio
Lundy, W L, Buckeye City, Ohio
Mansfield, T H, Defiance, Ohio
Mavis, S A, Rice, Ohio
McCague, Freemont, Arthur, Ohio
McCloud, N S, Dunkirk, Ohio
Mell, G R, Spencerville, Ohio
Noffsinger, A, Rimer, Ohio
Oakley, H M, Groverhill, Ohio
Richardson, Wm, Timberville, Ohio
Riggle, G H, Miller City, Ohio
Rimer, W C, Columbus Grove, Ohio
Rogers, J H, Antwerp, Ohio
Short, G W D, Columbus Grove, Ohio
Slane, J M, Wetsel, Ohio
Smith, S E, Dupont, Ohio
Thompson, W H, Sidney, Ohio
Tingle, J F, Defiance, Ohio
Todd, N C, Defiance, Ohio
Tracy, C A, Lakeview, Ohio
Tucker, B F, Bloom Center, Ohio
Wooley, Wm, Columbus Grove, Ohio

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Ada—Jessie Rogers, Ada, Ohio
Ansonia—E Riggle, Ansonia, Ohio
Antioch—S Harper, Ottoville, Ohio
Antwerp—J H Rogers, Antwerp, Ohio
Bethel—J H McCague, Arthur, Ohio
Bethlehem—S E Hefner, Harrod, Ohio
Blanchard—E H Johnson, Dunkirk, Ohio
Cherry Grove—T H Graham, South Warsaw, Ohio
Columbus Grove—W H Eversole, Columbus Grove, O
Delphos—J M Chapman, Delphos, Ohio
Dupont—W H Smith, Dupont, Ohio
Flat Rock—C V Lobaugh, Dupont, Ohio
Harrod—A Harrod, Harrod, Ohio
Hartford—R Brooks, Spencerville, Ohio
Lafayette—F M Thayer, Herring, Ohio
Liberty—C Snapp, Jackson Center, Ohio
Loganville—W C Carpenter, Loganville, Ohio
Manville—J S Parrot, Antwerp, Ohio
Maple Grove—I H Bert, Columbus Grove, Ohio
McDonald—B Holt, Jumbo, Ohio
Middle Creek—G W Gillispie, Groverhill, Ohio
Middle River—J Burkholder, Delphos, Ohio
Miller City—G H Ruggle, Miller City, Ohio
Mt. Zion—A Donaldson, Rice, Ohio
Muchinippi—L Hand, Bloom Center, Ohio
New Bethany—G W Carrell, Roselms, Ohio
New Richland—Charles Walter, New Richland, Ohio
Oak Grove—W B English, Wapakoneta, Ohio
Olive Branch— ——, Convoy, Ohio.
Ottawa River—B F Seitz, Columbus Grove, Ohio
Pleasant Valley—J Buric, Scott, Ohio
Rose Hill—Geo Hostler, Paulding, Ohio
Sixmile—I Laymon, Reid, Ohio
South Pulaski—J A Holt, Bryan, Ohio
Spencerville—S L Fryer, Spencerville, Ohio
St. Johns—C Martin, St Johns, Ohio
Teegarden—O F Bennett, Union City, Ohio
Twomile—J H Hastings, Wapakoneta, Ohio
Vaughnsville—J M Cratty, Vaughnsville, Ohio
West Cairo—D D Thomas, West Cairo, Ohio
West Union—J Locherage, Southworth, Ohio
White Feather G W Harshberger, McCartyville, O

REV. G. R. MELL, SPENCERVILLE, OHIO,
Secretary Northwestern Ohio Conference.

REV. G. B. GARNER, PORTLAND, INDIANA.
(Northwestern Ohio Conference)

REV. C. A. GARNER, WEST CAIRO, OHIO.
(Northwestern Ohio Conference.)

REV. C. J. HANCE, SPENCERVILLE, OHIO.
(Northwestern Ohio Conference.)

Eastern Kansas Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Carter.)

Next session at Pleasant Valley Church, Wilson County, Kansas, October 8, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

President—J. H. Vliet, Ward, Kansas.

Secretary—M. L. Carter, Vilas, Kansas.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Allison, Alfred, Chetopa, Kansas
Allison, James, Chetopa, Kansas
Booe, J S, Columbus, Kansas
Coats, Daniel, Thayer, Kansas
Combs, W N, Ridmont, Oklahoma
Darnall, T C, Chetopa, Kansas
Davis, P D, Galesburg, Kansas
Grierson, W F, Parsons, Kansas
Hess, J W, Columbus, Kansas
Holman, Thomas, Tulsa, Indian Territory
Jones, Oscar, Columbus, Kansas
Kellison, A D, Madison, Kansas
King, A A, Elm City, Kansas
Masters, J L, Coffeyville, Kansas
Masters, J S, Fredonia, Kansas
McMurray, A A, Madison, Kansas
Reed, A, Redfield, Kansas
Roberds, E, Burlington, Kansas
Sicks, Jacob, Independence, Kansas
Tague, John, Columbus, Kansas
Verden, P L, Autumwa, Kansas
Waymire, Jacob, Columbus, Kansas
Wilkins, L, Witchita, Kansas

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Central—Alice Newton, Independence, Kansas
Elm City—Hattie Maxson, Elm City, Kansas
First Christian—Mary Tague, Columbus, Kansas
Highland—E S Baker, Dexter, Kansas
Lane—E L Frame, Lane, Kansas
Mt. Pleasant—Lincoln Martindale, Burlington, Kan
Mt. Zion—Sallie Masters, Fredonia, Kansas
Pleasant Valley—Nellie Ogden, Earlton, Kansas
Sand Ridge—Viola Maraigm, ——, Kansas
Shaw Creek—Mrs J E Bradfield, Verdigris, Kansas

North Carolina (Colored) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Long.)

Next session at Franklinton, North Carolina, Wednesday, November 17, 1897.

President—Rev. William Williams, 517 Blount Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Secretary—Rev. H. E. Long, Franklinton, North Carolina.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Albright, S W, Hawriver, North Carolina
Alexander, P R, Palmer Springs, Virginia
Allen, Wm, Bangor, North Carolina
Allen, John, Mt. Energy, North Carolina
Alston, C J
Alston, H S, Epson, North Carolina
Arrington, David, Graham, North Carolina
Ash, J A, Laurel, North Carolina
Atwaters, A, Belvoy, Virginia
Baldwin, H B, Apex, North Carolina
Bird, Adora, Raleigh, North Carolina
Boskerville, H S, Manson, North Carolina
Boyd, I, Cary, North Carolina
Brown, T, Cary, North Carolina
Bullock, E, Middleburg, North Carolina
Bullock, T, Nuthush, North Carolina
Coleman, Solomon, Keits, Virginia
Core, J C, Keyser, North Carolina
Dugger, W H, Oxford, North Carolina
Duke, G W, Ridgeway, North Carolina
Dunn, G W, Graham, North Carolina
Goode, Samuel, Aberdeen, North Carolina
Green, R, Raleigh, North Carolina
Harden, M D, Graham, North Carolina
Henderson, James A, Woodworth, North Carolina
Hester, M M, Durham, North Carolina
Hinnart, J W, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Hollaway, A J, Manson, North Carolina
Horton, W H, Boyett, North Carolina
Jiggetts, J J, Palmer Springs, Virginia
Johnson, R D, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Kearney, R K, Franklinton, North Carolina
Kint, John, Holly Springs, North Carolina
Levister, T J, Greensboro, North Carolina
Liggons, A D, Holly Springs, North Carolina
Mabrey, J H, Cary, North Carolina
Marsh, Wm, Lindhurst, North Carolina
Mayo, Wm, Bangor, North Carolina
McBroom, J H, Hawriver, North Carolina
McCoy, Wm, Raleigh, North Carolina
Meadows, J, Mt. Energy, North Carolina
Onslow, Jacob, Wilmington, North Carolina
Petty, Jerry, Raleigh, North Carolina
Pretty, Robert, Harpsboro, North Carolina
Ray, C W, Stainback, North Carolina
Ray, J N, Franklinton, North Carolina
Reid, E S, Woodworth, North Carolina
Ruffin, L A, Raleigh, North Carolina
Smith, Geo, Newhill, North Carolina
Trollinger, James, Hawriver, North Carolina
Watkins, A W, Ridgeway, North Carolina
Whitaker, R T, Raleigh, North Carolina
Whitaker, Simpson, Raleigh, North Carolina
Williams, B J, Raleigh, North Carolina
Williams, W B, Burlington, North Carolina
Williams, Wm, 517 Blount Street, Raleigh, N C
Young, B, Middleburg, North Carolina

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Archie Grove—Jordan Isley, Stainback, North Carolina
Berea—
Blossom Grove—D C Mangum, Creedmoor, N C
Burches Chapel—A J Holoway, Manson, N C
Cary Church—Richard Jones, Cary, North Carolina
Cedar Grove—Elizer Bishop, Town Creek, N C
Cedar Hill—Murry Williams, Wilmington, N C
Childrens Chapel—P D Everett, Graham, N C
Childrens Chapel—
Christian Antioch—E P Jefferson, Woodworth, N C
Christian—Cornelia Williams, Kusha Willow, Va
Christian Chapel—High Rogers, Newhill, N C
Christian Hope—Cain Jenkins, Nelson, N C
Ebenezer—L L Cellers, Burlington, North Carolina
Franklinton Church—H F Mayfield, Franklinton, N C
Greensboro Mission—John Harris, Greensboro, N C
Green Lewel—W H Hester, Bawriver, N C
Hawfield—Henry Rogers, Hawriver, North Carolina
Island Hill—Lewis Terry, Woburn, North Carolina
Jerusalem—Jas Wright, Palmer Springs, Virginia
Kinches Chapel—S W Jones, Franklinton, N C
Lees—
Lewis Chapel—Monroe Jones,
Little Creek—
Maple Temple—A B Alston, Raleigh, N C
Mebane Mission—
Mt. Zion—E J Marrow, Williamsburg, North Carolina
New Bethel—Barney Whitly, Harpsboro, N C
Oak Level—Cora Laws, Rogers Store, N C
Oak Level—T S Bullock, Manson, North Carolina
O'Kelly—
Pages Chapel—Lucius Jones, Cary, North Carolina
Pleasant Grove—Sherman Jones, Morrisville, N C
Pleasant Hill—A L McLean, Holly Springs, N C
Pleasant Union—R S Harp, Rogers Store, N C
Popes Chapel—Henrietta Grissom, Franklinton, N C
Poplar Spring—Geo Reddick, Raleigh, North Carolina
Red Hill—N L Watson, Archer Lodge, North Carolina
Roanoke Chapel—Robt Jiggetts, Palmer Springs, Va
Rocky Branch—Guilford Wilder, Meeksville, N C
Rocky Springs—S Daniels, Grissom, North Carolina
Rowland Chapel—
St. Andrew—S P Kearney, Henderson, North Carolina
St. Delight—J W Clifton, Royal, North Carolina
St. John—John Ratclif, Hoffman, North Carolina
St. Lewis—Rosa Lewis, Wilmington, North Carolina
St. Luke—David Williams, Oxford, North Carolina
St. Paul—I B Bullock, Middleburg, North Carolina
Tar River Union—
Union Chapel—Y S Turner, Unionridge, N C
Wesley Chapel—Leora Morris, Lindhurst, N C
White Grove—S W Rowlett, Ridgeway, North Carolina
Williams Chapel—
Youngsville Chapel—Gertrude Baker, Youngsville, N C
Youngs Chapel—
Zion Hill—

Indiana State Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Atkinson.)

A meeting preliminary to its organization was held in Marion, July 28, 1877. A plan of organization was adopted and arrangements made for a meeting to be held at Cassville, October 24, 1877. At this session a constitution was adopted.

Its purpose is to secure a more thorough coöperation among the ministers, churches, and conferences, to inaugurate and prosecute missionary work, to foster the cause of education, and to encourage all our denominational enterprises.

The work of the State Conference is in charge of the department secretaries, as follows: Education, Rev. L. J. Aldrich, D.D., Merom, Indiana; Missions, Rev. D. Powell, Wingate, Indiana; Publications, Rev. D. O. Coy, Taylorsville, Indiana; Sunday Schools, Rev. A. L. West, Logansport, Indiana; Good Citizenship, Rev. Clarence Defur, Stewartsville, Indiana; Endeavor, Rev. D. B. Atkinson-Muncie, Indiana; Finance, Rev. C. V. Strickland, Huntington, Indiana.

The State Conference is composed of the following local conferences: Western, Northwestern, Miami Reserve, Central, Bible Union, Southern Indiana and Illinois, Eastern, and Eel River. It includes 250 ministers, and 268 churches, having a total membership of 26,800. The reports received show a total expenditure of $24,525 for building and repairing church property the past year.

The last session was held in the First Christian Church of Lebanon, Indiana, October 26-29, 1896. At this session the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. W. D. Samuel, Covington, Ohio.
Vice-President—Rev. C. A. Brown, Lebanon, Ind.
Secretary—Rev. D. B. Atkinson, Muncie, Indiana.
Treasurer—Mr. S. M. Atkinson, Lebanon, Indiana

Iowa State Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Smith.)

Organized 1872.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—H. P. Clemons, Clemons, Iowa.
Vice-President—Rev. T. W. Howard, Winterset, Ia.
Secretary—Rev. W. C. Smith, Albion, Iowa.
Treasurer—E. B. Frost, Marshalltown, Iowa.
Secretary Education—B. W. Stoddard, Legrand, Iowa; Secretary of Missions, Ora P. Godley, Legrand, Iowa; Secretary of Sunday-schools, Rev. A. R. Creger, Truro, Iowa; Christian Endeavor, Carrie Lynn, Orient, Iowa.
Trustees of Conference—Rev. Melissa Terrell, Forest Home, Iowa; Elijah Hawk, Martinsburg, Iowa; Frank Bratt, Legrand, Iowa.
Trustees of Legrand Christian College—A. S. Lynn, Orient, Iowa; Rev. D. M. Helfinstine, Legrand, Iowa; E. B. Frost, Marshalltown, Iowa; A. H. Welker, Legrand, Iowa; Rev. Frank Coffin, Legrand, Iowa.
Church Extension Society—President, Rev. W. B. Golden, Truro, Iowa; Secretary, Rev. W. C. Smith, Albion, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Grace Houlette, Winterset, Iowa; Treasurer, Rev. Frank Coffin, Legrand, Iowa.

North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Holt.)

Next session on Tuesday after the third Sunday in November, 1897.

President—Rev. P. T. Klapp, Elon College, N. C.
Secretary—Rev. J. W. Holt, Burlington, N. C.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Apple, Solomon, Semora, North Carolina
Atkinson, J O, Elon College, North Carolina
Barnes, J W, Omaha, Texas
Carden, J S, Elon College, North Carolina
Dawson, T B, Elon College, North Carolina
Fonville, J W, Big Falls, North Carolina
Ford, W H, Asheville, North Carolina
Fulton, H C, White Road, North Carolina
Herndon, W T, Elon College, North Carolina
Hines, H L, Atlanta, Georgia
Holt, J W, Burlington, North Carolina
Isely, A F, Shallowford, North Carolina
Klapp, P T, Elon College, North Carolina
Klapp, S B, Virgilina, Virginia
Pinnix, J W, Kernersville, North Carolina
Rogers, W A, Weimar, Texas
Strowd, T W, Unionridge, North Carolina
Wellons, J W, Durham, North Carolina

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Apple Chapel—Z Christman, Jr, Liberty Store, N C
Belews Creek—V O Roberson, Belewcreek, N C
Bethel—L H Walker, Anderson, North Carolina
Bethlehem—L D Rippey, Altamahaw, North Carolina
Big Falls—J C McAdams, Big Falls, North Carolina
Concord—Jas H Jackson, Cherrygrove, N C
Durham—R Kelley, Durham, North Carolina
Elon College—G W Lickle, Elon College, N C
Goshen Chapel—Sallie N Gill, Berea, North Carolina
Happy Home—J W Foster, Oregon, North Carolina
Hawriver—H V Simpson, Hawriver, North Carolina
Hebron—J W Winfree, Virgilina, Virginia
Hines Chapel—W A Heath, Greensboro, N C
Howards Chapel—W B Madison, Wentworth, N C
Ingram—Wellons Boyd, Stebbins, Virginia
Kallum Grove—D F Wilson, Bason, North Carolina
Lebanon—Dora Covington, Semora, North Carolina
Lexington—Walter Koonce, Lexington, N C
Longs Chapel—W J Fitch, McCray, North Carolina
Mt. Bethel—D I Cummings, Bason, North Carolina
Mt. Zion—Mrs Mary Bradley, Pleasantgrove, N C
Pleasant Grove—C A Weatherford, Sora, Virginia
Pleasant Ridge—J H Barker, Summerfield, N C
Sage Garden—John A Holder, Kernersville, N C
Salem Chapel—I D Dalton, Salem Chapel, N C
Shallowford—W D Walker, Burlington, N C
South Boston—J A Ruse, South Boston, Virginia
Union (N C)—J D Wilkins, Unionridge, N C
Union (Va)—W H Averett, Virgilina, Virginia

Kentucky (First) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Yazel.)

Next session at Elbethel Church, September 9, 1897.

President—Rev. J. P. Selsor, Foxport, Kentucky.
Secretary—Rev. S. H. Yazel, Plummers Landing, Kentucky.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Abbott, I W, Locustridge, Ohio
Boothby, N C, Foxport, Kentucky
Burns, G W, Vanceburg, Kentucky
Callon, S J, Wiggonsville, Ohio
Colvell, Samuel, Plummers Landing, Kentucky
Conley, R B, Olive Hill, Kentucky
Evans, W L, Vanceburg, Kentucky
Gray, Marshall, Fernleaf, Kentucky
Hedges, W W, Plummers Landing, Kentucky
Hobbs, William, Vanceburg, Kentucky
Howe, Wm, Muses Mills, Kentucky
Hurst, A P, Muses Mills, Kentucky
Jourdan, Joseph, Wesleyville, Kentucky
Jourdan, Lonzo, Vanceburg, Kentucky
Logan, F M, Quincy, Kentucky
Logan, James, Quincy, Kentucky
Loper, W J V, Quincy, Kentucky
McChase, John, Mouth of Laurel, Kentucky
McClease, A I, Ryan, Kentucky
Meadows, T H, Muses Mills, Kentucky
Prather, John H, Manchester, Ohio
Richardson, G E, Vanceburg, Kentucky
Riley, William, Stone, Kentucky
Sanders, I H, Plummers Landing, Kentucky
Scott, I S, Olive Hill, Kentucky
Selsor, J P, Foxport, Kentucky
Shoemate, Thomas, Olive Hill, Kentucky
Staggs, G W, Smiths Creek, Kentucky
Sullivan, John, Carter, Kentucky
Thacker, Sherman, Olive Hill, Kentucky
Thacker, Z T, Plummers Landing, Kentucky
Tumlen, James, Washington, Kentucky
Upton, G N, Crum, Kentucky
Wallace, Jacob, Williamsburg, Ohio
Yazel, C C, Plumville, Kentucky

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Alcorn—W J V Loper, Quincy, Kentucky
Antioch—Linza Jourdan, Wesleyville, Kentucky
Beechgrove—Emma Richardson, Vanceburg, Ky
Beechgrove—John Richardson, Vanceburg, Kentucky
Beechwood—Henry Arnal, Mt. Carmel, Kentucky
Bethel—G W Jourdan, Wesleyville, Kentucky
Black Jack—William Falkner, Crum, Kentucky
Blankenship—Thos Blankenship, Mouth of Laurel, Ky
Boon Turnas—Robt Lower, South Mills, Kentucky
Cedar Leaf—Carl Hilterbean, Manchester, Ohio
Clarksburg—Amel Carrington, Foxport, Kentucky
Clearfork—Albert Littleton, Munson, Kentucky
Crain Creek—J S Plummer, Plummers Landing, Ky
Crooked Creek—J W Walker, Covedale, Kentucky
Dry Branch—A L Buckner, Olive Hill, Kentucky
Elbethel—W H W Outten, Plumville, Kentucky
Farfolk—Lebird Stratton, Mouth of Laurel, Kentucky
Hazel Branch—Ephrean Bond, Enterprise, Kentucky
Kansas—H W Waker, Vanceburg, Kentucky
Little White Oak—John Higgons, Warwick, Kentucky
Long Branch—Leondas Hyme, Crum, Kentucky
Muses Mills—J R Brammes, Muses Mills, Kentucky
North Cut—Harry E Seaton, Triplet, Kentucky
Oaklan—John Burten, Wesleyville, Kentucky
Pine Valley—Sary Stableton, Stone, Kentucky
Point Pleasant—Allen W Evans, Muses Mills, Ky
Raymies Chapel—Janet Zorns, Goble, Kentucky
Red Bush—Mary Bruce, Carter, Kentucky
Siloam—Jas W McClease, Wesleyville, Kentucky
Stafford Hill—J F Hobbs, Stone, Kentucky
Trace—Marshall McClease, Stone, Kentucky
Walnut Grove—W F Green, Brashear, Kentucky
Zion Hill—C B Evans, Quincy, Kentucky

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SPRINGBORO, PA., (Erie Conference.) REV. B. MASON, Pastor.

REV. B. MASON, President Erie Conference, Pastor Christian Church, SPRINGBORO, PA.

Rev. B. Mason was born in Chautauqua Co., N. Y., April 30, 1839, received a seminary education, and at the age of 17 began the study of law, and was admitted to the bar two years later. After his marriage in 1859 he engaged in the lumber business in Warren, Pa. In 1861 he enlisted for the war, serving until its close. In 1869 he was converted, and two years later commenced preaching, having been ordained in 1870. He has for six years served as president of the Erie Christian Conference.

Erie Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Eldredge.)

Next session at Springboro, Pennsylvania, in September, 1897. (Exact date not fixed.)

President—Rev. B Mason, Springboro, Pennsylvania.

Secretary—H. Eldredge, 814 State Street, Erie, Pa.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Allen, Alden, Morganville, New York
Bullock, Irwin, Newark, New York
Gaige, F E, Pleasant Valley, New York
Loucks, D C, Dewittville, New York
Mason, B, Springboro, Pennsylvania
Palmer, J T, Canton, Ohio
Pershing, H H, East Springfield, Pennsylvania
Rouse, Fred, Wheelock, Pennsylvania
Waggoner, Florence, Jamestown, New York
Wyman, O T, West Shelby, New York

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Bearlake—Dr A Phillips, Bearlake, Pennsylvania
Beaver Center—J C Drury, Beaver Center, Pa
Blue Eye—Richard Wells, Spring Creek, Pa
Conneaut (Ohio)—Mrs L D Cheeseman, Conneaut, O
Dewittville—A R Lee, Dewittville, New York
Draketown—Blanch Colvin, Itley, Pennsylvania
Erie—L Sherman, 27 West 13th Street, Erie, Pa
Fairview—Mrs George Zindel, Fairview, Pennsylvania
Franklin—Willis LeSuer, McLane, Pennsylvania
Girard and Franklin—Miss A Dawley, Francis, Pa
Hammonds Corners—Mrs Wm Holden, Riggs, Ohio
Hare Creek—Mrs John Chace, Corry, Pennsylvania
Pine Valley—Perry Woodard, Bearlake, Pa
Springboro—Miss M Cornell, Springboro, Pennsylvania
Springfield—Mrs Kate Ward, East Springfield, Pa
Washington—Thomas McClaferty, McLallen Corners, Pennsylvania
Waterford—Geo Ormsbee, Waterford, Pennsylvania

Kentucky (Second) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Forrest.)

Next session at Lowgap Church, Greenup County, Kentucky, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1897.

President—Rev. W. L. Maddix, Saulsberry, Kentucky.

Secretary—L. H. Forrest, Sandyhook, Kentucky.

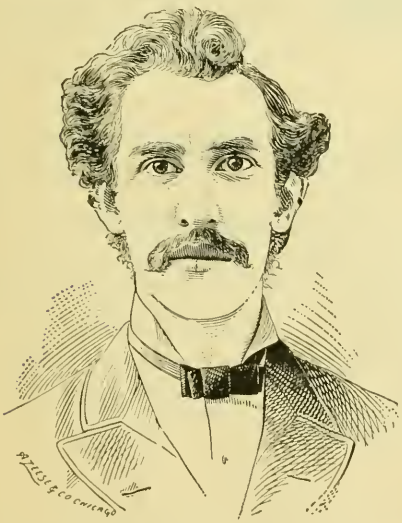
MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Boling, B F, Pactolus, Kentucky
Boling, Wm, Ratcliff, Kentucky
Conley, Richard, Olive Hill, Kentucky
Cornutte, Wm, Denton, Kentucky
Ellis, John, Jacobs, Kentucky
Everman, James, Laurel Box, Kentucky
Fraley, David, Newcombe, Kentucky
Gee, Robert, Grayson, Kentucky
Johnson, John H, Lawton, Kentucky
Maddix, John, Leon, Kentucky
Meddows, E, Newfoundland, Kentucky
Morris, H C, Willard, Kentucky
Rice, Charles, Denton, Kentucky
Secton, W R, Denton, Kentucky
Souders, Harvey, Saulsberry, Kentucky
White, James, Sharpsburg, Kentucky
Wigeons, W R, Carter, Kentucky

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Concord—L H Forrest, Sandyhook, Kentucky
Corry Hill— ————, Kentucky
Fairview—Harry Trent, Elliottville, Kentucky
Fontana—Frank Everman, Fontana, Kentucky
Highland—M Barker, Sandyhook, Kentucky
King Chapel—Wm King, Saulsberry, Kentucky
Limestone— ————, Kentucky
Lon Gape— ————, Kentucky
Lost Creek— ————, Kentucky
Ross School House— ————, Kentucky
Soldier—Isaac Conley, Soldier, Kentucky
Spicewood—Wm Gee, Grayson, Kentucky

REV. R. OSMAN ALLEN, MEDWAY, N. Y.
(N. Y. Eastern Conference.)



REV. EDWIN MORRILL, Pastor Grace Christian Church, St. Johnsville, New York (New York Eastern Conference).

New York Eastern Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Fenton.)

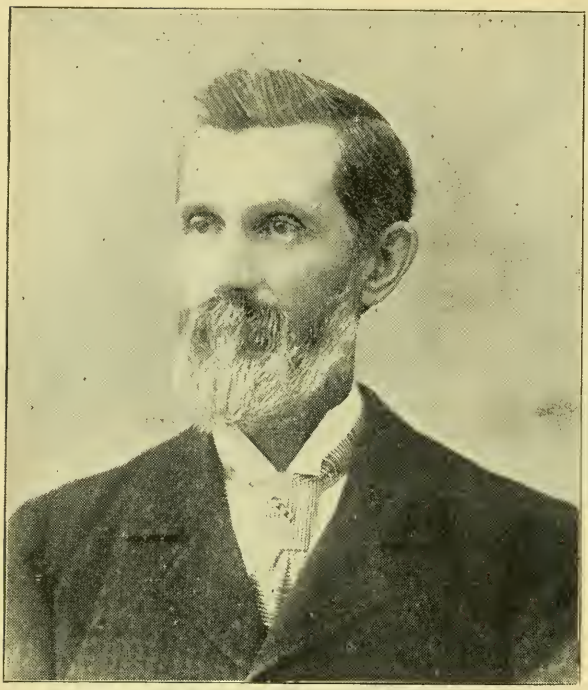
Next session at Ravena, New York, commencing June 3, 1897, at 9 o'clock A M

President—Rev. D. I Putnam, Quaker Street, N Y.
Secretary—Rev. R. G. Fenton, Laurens, New York.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Allen, R Osman, Medway, New York
Armstrong, Wm H, Cranberry Creek, New York
Barnes, W J, Ravena, New York
Blood, John, South Westerlo, New York
Butler, C I, Union Mills, New York
Canada, P A, Albany, New York
Case, William, Otego, New York
Clark, John Howard, Barkersville, New York
Collins, J D, Potter Hollow, New York
Conkling, D L, Middletown, New York
Couchman, Philip, Schoharie, New York
Crissey, H Jennie, Ravena, New York
Crosby, B S, Augusta, Maine
Damon, Austin, Hartwick, New York
Davis, T N, Hunters Land, New York
Dexter, S F, Delhi, New York
Fenton, R G, Laurens, New York
Fenwick, J B, Plainville, New York
Gardner, F H, Lubec, Maine
Hainer, Eugene, Stanfordville, New York
Haley, H Lizzie, 271 Gorham Street, Lowell, Mass
Hall, Edward C, Millbridge, Maine
Hathaway, Warren, Blooming Grove, New York
Honsberger, M J, West Mansfield, Massachusetts
Hornbaker, W O, Schultzville, New York
Lambert, Joseph, Danbury, Connecticut
Lyke, M D, Union Mills, New York
Mace, Charles S, Westday, New York
McGlaughlin, John, Redrock, New York
Metzger, Fraser, Freehold, New York
Morrill, Edwin, St. Johnsville, New York
Nelson, Charles, Northville, New York
Palmer, S G, Yellowsprings, Ohio
Pendell, D L, Alcove, New York
Pratt, Joseph, Amsterdam, New York
Putnam, D I, Quaker Street, New York
Shaw, W H, 27 Elberon Place, Albany, New York
Summerbell, M, Lewiston, Maine
Thorn, C C, Westbury, New York
Utter, A G, Kirkwood, New York
Warner, D P, South Berne, New York
Wells, J J, East Sidney, New York
Weston, J B, Stanfordville, New York
Winans, J P, Medusa, New York

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SOUTH WESTERLO, NEW YORK.
(New York Eastern Conference.)
REV. JOHN BLOOD, Pastor.



H. S. Bradley, Esq., Hartwick, New York,
Treasurer New York Eastern Conference.

Hiram Sylvester Bradley was born in Otsego County, New York, Feb. 15, 1839. When he was but five years of age his father died and Hiram with his mother found a home with her parents where he received faithful training the influence of which went far toward moulding that life into the staunch, true manhood he has since attained. October 24, 1858, Bro. Bradley became a member of the Hartwick Christian Church, being converted at that time under the labors of Rev. Austin Damon and was by him baptized. June 25, 1865, he was married to Miss Susan A. Wilcox. Bro. Bradley has been for twelve years treasurer of the New York Eastern Christian Conference, and for twenty years clerk of his home church. He has always been active in church work and a safe adviser in matters pertaining to the church. He is true to the Christian name and denomination, and for thirty years has been a subscriber to the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*. He has taken more subscriptions for the *Herald* than any other ten men in the laity of the church, this meaning hard work and sacrifice. He has sent hundreds of dollars to the Christian Publishing Association for its publications.

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Albany—M M Way, 187 Hudson Ave., Albany, New York
Austerlitz—J M Varney, Austerlitz, New York
Barkersville—Mrs Wm P Jeffords, Barkersville, N Y
Berne First (Reidsville)—E B Powell, Westerlo, N Y
Berne Second (Hunters Land)—Jerome Decker, Hunters Land, New York
Brooklyn—W W Dillon, 29 Newell St , Brooklyn, N Y
Broome (Bates)—George W Wilsie, Bates, New York
Burnthills—A F Van Vorst, Burnthills, New York
Burtonsville—Mrs W D Conover, Burtonsville, N Y
Canaan (Red Rock)—John B Lamoree, Redrock, N Y
Carlisle—M H Brown, Carlisle, New York
Centerbrook—James C Emmons, Otego, New York
Charleston Four Corners—Judson McDuffee, Charleston Four Corners, New York
Clinton (Schultzville)—Anna C Jackson, Clinton Corners, New York
Clove—Egbert L Austin, Clove, New York
Cranberry Creek—Mrs J P King, Cranberry Creek, N Y
Danbury, Connecticut—E M Jackson, Danbury. Conn
East Cobleskill—John Dumond, East Cobleskill, N Y
Franklin—T B Howland, North Hamden, New York
Freehold—C R Lacy, Freehold, New York
Fulton and Cobleskill—J R Tillison, Mineral Springs, New York
Galway—Mrs Eliza R Showers, Mosherville, New York
Gilboa—James Chichester, Broome Center, New York
Hartwick First—Mrs Almira Winsor, Hartwick, N Y
Hartwick Village—H S Bradley, Hartwick, New York
Laurens—Merritt Clark, Laurens, New York
Laurens, West—G F Lull, West Laurens, New York
Maryland—C T Bush, Maryland, New York
Medusa—Romaine Gifford, Medusa, New York
Medway—A J Simmons, Medway, New York
Milan—F L Welch, Milan, New York
Otego—Henry S Trask, Otego, New York
Petersburg—
Pine Plains—W W Hicks, Pine Plains, New York
Pittsfield (Ketchum)—Ceylon Williams, Ketchum, New York
Portlandville—Miss Maude M Thorne, Portlandville, New York
Quaker Street—Grace P Hess, Quaker Street, N Y
Randall—Y H Cook, Randall, New York
Ravena—George W Wrightson, Ravena, New York
Richmondville—Peter Nellis, Richmondville, N Y
Rural Grove—George J Gove, Ruralgrove, New York
South Berne—J O Warner, Rensselaerville, New York
South Valley—J M Lovejoy, South Valley, New York
South Westerlo—J T Haonay, South Westerlo, N Y
Stanfordville—P R Fradenburg, Stanfordville, N Y
Stephensville (Alcove)—Edward J Zeller, Alcove, N Y
St. Johnsville—A E Seaman, St. Johnsville, New York
Summit—George W Evans, North Harpersfield. N Y
Union Mills—Alanson Howe, Union Mills, New York
Warnerville—H J Burchard, Warnerville, New York
Westday—P L Colson, Westday, New York

Tioga River Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Dykeman.)

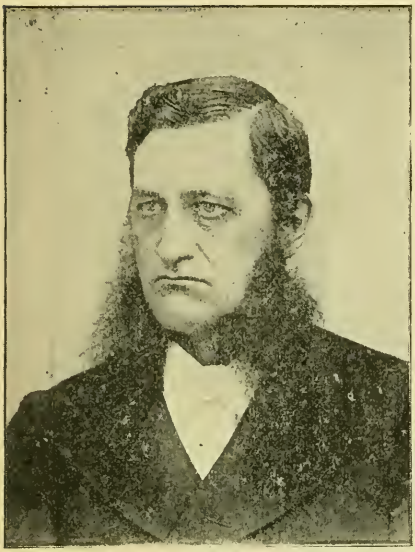
Next session second Thursday in June, 1897, at Young Hickory, New York.

President—Rev. T. V. Moore, Evergreen, Pa.

Secretary—Rev. L. A. Dykeman, Ruralgrove, N. Y.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Alderman, O P, Thurston, New York
Allen, G E, Evergreen, Pennsylvania
Allen, Rose, Evergreen, Pennsylvania
Chapman, E D, North Cohocton, New York



REV. H. L. GRIFFING, Pastor CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
(Tioga River Conference.)
HARTWICK, NEW YORK.

Cheesman, J H, Greenwood, New York
Cole, F S, Hornellsville, New York
Cottom, J L, Caton, New York
Davy, S H, Sabinsville, Pennsylvania
Dykeman, L A, Ruralgrove, New York
Griffing, H L, Hartwick, New York
Hurd, A J, Somerslane, Pennsylvania
Lewis, A G, Lafayette, New York
Lewis, J M, Bates, New York
Moore, T V, Evergreen, Pennsylvania
Peck, Ira L, Charleston Four Corners, New York
Perry, Cora, Westfield, Pennsylvania
Rumsey, Miles, Trumbull Corners, New York
Slaught, Mrs B J W, Canisteo, New York
Stratton, H A, Westpike, Pennsylvania
Westfall, J L, Stanfordville, New York

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Bennetts Creek, First—Wm T Cross, Canisteo, N Y
Bennetts Creek, Second—Simeon Vanderhoef, Bennetts Creek, New York
Cameron—Ida M Hazleton, Cameron Mills, New York
Camy Brook—Mrs John Mead, Barden, New York
East Lawrence—Mrs J Corwin, Somerslane, Pa
Evergreen—Mrs C Corson, Evergreen, Pennsylvania
Franklindale—Helen Phelps—Franklindale, Pa
Greenwood—T N Blair, Greenwood, New York
Halsey Valley—G S Manley, Halsey Valley, New York
Ingleside—W E Weld, Ingleside, New York
Knoxville—Mrs B Mann, Knoxville, Pennsylvania
Thurston—Belle Weaver, Thurston, New York
Trumbull Corners (First Newfield)—H Cornish, Jr., Newfield, New York
Wedgwood—Mrs Ella J Smith, Wedgwood, New York
West Branch—Wm Stocum, West Branch, Pa
Westpike—F A Brown, Westpike, Pennsylvania
Young Hickory—Devoe Bailey, Young Hickory, N Y

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, HARTWICK, NEW YORK,
(New York Eastern Conference.)
REV. H. L. GRIFFING, Pastor.

New York Northern Conference.

(Reported by President Van DeWalker.)

Next session at call of president.

President—C. G. Van DeWalker, Evans Mills, New York.

Secretary—Bert J. Ives, East Houndsfield, New York.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Sayles, S V, Sandy Creek, New York
Torrey, G R, Watertown, New York

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Brushton— ——— ———, Brushton, New York
East Dickinson—C S Rockwell, East Dickinson, N Y
East Houndsfield—L F Allen, East Houndsfield, N Y
Sanford Corners—T Dunton, Sanford Corners, N Y

Maine Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Card.)

This conference was organized at Pittsfield, Maine, August 8, 1895. It constitutes a union of what was the Maine Eastern and the Maine Central Conferences.

Next session at Albion, Maine, in September, 1897.

President—Rev. J. W. Webster, Newport, Maine.

Secretary—Rev. J. W. Card, Corinna, Maine.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Baddershall, T, Dixmont Center, Maine
Bartlett, Rufus, Hermon, Maine
Burrill, Stacy, Hermon, Maine
Card, J W, Corinna, Maine
Clark, Susan, Parkman, Maine
Cleveland, J F, Stetson, Maine
Ellingwood, Chas, Winterport, Maine
Grindell, J W, Bangor, Maine
Hewes, Charles E, Bangor, Maine
Horn, Spencer, Dover, Maine
Humphrey, T P, Stetson, Maine

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AUGUSTA, MAINE (Maine Conference), REV. B. S. CROSBY, Pastor.

Lang, William H, Ripley, Maine
Maben, B S, Manchester, New Hampshire
McLaughlin, H H, Carmel, Maine
Pitcher, C S, Corinna, Maine
Potter, George, Monticello, Maine
Reed, B P, Fairfield, Maine
Soule, O L, Palmyra, Maine
Thomas, M, North Carmel, Maine
Tibbetts, James, Hartland, Maine
Ward, F O, Augusta, Maine
Washburn, James, Parkman, Maine
Webster, J W, Newport, Maine
Wheeler, S G, Easton, Maine

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Albion—Ora O Crosby, Albion, Maine
Athens—C T W Rowell, Athens, Maine
Augusta—John O Boyes, Augusta, Maine
Bangor (First)—A G Greely, Bangor, Maine
Charleston—J A Brooks, Charleston, Maine
Clinton—Abner True, Clinton, Maine
Corinna—E P Burrill, Corinna, Maine
Dixmont (East)—John R Smith, Dixmont Center, Me
Fairfield (North)—Almira W Tibbetts, North Fairfield, Maine
Hermon—E H Clements, Hermon Center, Maine
Millbridge—Henry S Brown, Millbridge, Maine
Newport—John Stuart, Newport, Maine
Newport (North)—J E Marsh, North Newport, Maine
North Canaan and West Hartland—Charles P Nye, Canaan, Maine
Palmyra (West)—Wm M Gitchell, Pittsfield, Maine
Palmyra—C M Jewett, Palmyra, Maine
Parkman—L Tyler, Parkman, Maine
Ripley—S S Parker, Ripley, Maine
Skowhegan—Alice Whorff, Skowhegan, Maine
Stetson—W B Ireland, Stetson, Maine
Winterport (West)—F A Parker, West Winterport, Me

Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Conference.

(Reported by O. P. Perry, Hoppertown, Michigan.)

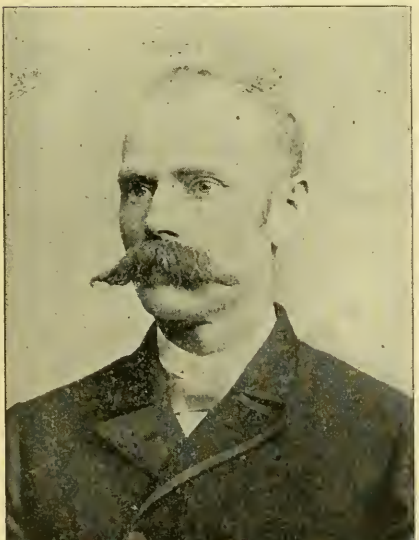
Next session at New Carlisle, Indiana, October, 1897.

President—Miron Fish, Benton Harbor, Michigan.
Secretary—Charles Spears, Rolling Prairie, Ind.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Brelsford, T, Jackson, Michigan
Cunningham, S C V, New Carlisle, Indiana
Miller, O P, Cassopolis, Michigan
Prescott, W H, Benton Harbor, Michigan
Remington, G J, Bravo, Michigan
Terwillegar, D, New Buffalo, Michigan
Webster, T S, Rolling Prairie, Indiana
Willis, A W, Coloma, Michigan

REV. J. W. WEBSTER, NEWPORT, MAINE,
President Maine Christian Conference.



REV. B. S. CROSBY, (New York Eastern Conference.)
Pastor CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
AUGUSTA, MAINE.

Michigan Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Mudge)

Incorporated at Marshall, Michigan, 1875. It took the place of what was before known as the Michigan State Christian Conference, and the Michigan Christian Missionary and Aid Society was also merged into the new organization

Next session commences on the Wednesday night before the first full moon in October, 1897. The next place of meeting is to be fixed by a special committee.

President—Rev. J. A. Young, Romeo, Michigan.

Secretary—Rev. E. Mudge, Maple Rapids, Michigan.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Adams, F H, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Allen, Lyman, Marshall, Michigan
Bullock, C S, 6428 Champion Ave, Chicago, Illinois
Clark, Harry, Hillsdale, Michigan
Davis, R, Marcellus, Michigan
Deming, J S, Cass City, Michigan
Dennen, J W, Berkey, Ohio
Deyo, C I, Britton, Michigan
Fowler, S M, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Hamilton, John, Elba, Michigan
Hayward, H, Lexington, Michigan
Henry, A N, Eureka, Michigan
Holmes, Thomas, Chelsea, Michigan
Hudson, J A, Cleveland, Ohio
Linscott, Thomas, Sparta, Ohio
McGeorge, S, Howard, Michigan
McReynolds, P W, Marshall, Michigan
Mendenhall, C, Ionia, Michigan
Millard, D E, Portland, Michigan
Mudge, E, Maple Rapids, Michigan
Post, C S, Hillsdale, Michigan
Rapp, B F, Columbus Grove, Ohio
Root, V S, Tustin, Michigan
Ryker, P L, Maple Rapids, Michigan
Simpson, P H, Battlecreek, Michigan
Snyder, S, Oxford, Michigan
Wilcox, John, Pittsford, Michigan
Wright, James, Britton, Michigan
Young, J A, Romeo, Michigan

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Adams—Lafayette Post, Hillsdale, Michigan
Britton—Estella Smith, Britton, Michigan
Fairfield (Second)—
Greenbush—Mrs I Ingersoll, Eureka, Michigan
Lexington—H S Hayward, Lexington, Michigan
Maple Rapids—M S Moss, Maple Rapids, Michigan
Marshall—C M Martin, Marshall, Michigan
Middleton—J H Lion, Middleton, Michigan
Oxford—
Perrinton—Ida Penfield, Perrinton, Michigan
Ray Union—A G Bottomly, Romeo, Michigan
Richfield, Ohio—Mrs Mattie Sprague, Berkey, Ohio
Richfield Union—A A Skinner, Davison, Mich
Romeo—J C Soule, Romeo, Michigan
Vergennis—J H Covert, Lowell, Michigan

Kansas State Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Cameron.)

Next session at Lincoln, Kansas, at the close of the school year of Kansas Christian College.

President—Rev. I. Mooney, Towanda, Kansas.

Secretary—Rev. E. Cameron, Sycamore Springs, Kansas.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. E. Wheeler, Delphos, Kansas.

Trustees—C. C. Page, Peabody, Kansas; E. Coate, Heber, Kansas; Rev. J. S. Masters, Fredonia, Kansas; J. H. Vliet, Ward, Kansas.

There are four departments: Educational, Relief, Missionary, and Sunday-School.

The Kansas Christian College has demanded the entire interest of the conference of late years.

Southern Wabash (Illinois) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Hoel.)

Next session at Hunt City, Illinois, October 6, 1897.

President—Rev. M. V. Hathaway, Trimble, Illinois.

Secretary—Rev. I. M. Hoel, Newton, Illinois.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Boatright, D A, Center Tuftonboro, N. H.
Boyer, G M, Merom, Indiana
Catt, C M, Willowhill, Illinois
Catt, H D, Willowhill, Illinois
Cheek, S L, Noble, Illinois
Douglas, John J, Merom, Indiana
Dunlap, R A, Noble, Illinois
Evans, John, Merom, Indiana
Frederick, J R, Annapolis, Illinois
Gettinger, H, Merom, Indiana
Gray, D, Sumner, Illinois
Halterman, C L, Hunt, Illinois
Hatfield, D H, Newton, Illinois
Hathaway, M V, Trimble, Illinois
Hoel, I M, Newton, Illinois
Jacobs, Alvin O, Eberle, Illinois
Mahaney, P S, Winterrowd, Illinois
McKinney, George, Wynoose, Illinois
Mitchell, G E, Wynoose, Illinois
Paul, W T, Greenup, Illinois
Plunkett, J M, Trimble, Illinois
Plunkett, R A, Trimble, Illinois
Ransford, W H, Calhoun, Illinois
Ryan, D A, Greenup, Illinois
Shepard, J A, Wynoose, Illinois
Smith, V, Hord, Illinois
Stewart, Hattie, Parma, Idaho
Tracy, J, Claremont, Illinois
Wade, John, Greenup, Illinois
Wade, Pleasant, Olney, Illinois
Wade, Thomas, Greenup, Illinois
Wright, J B, Sumner, Illinois

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—G L Gubleman, Sumner, Illinois
Berlin—Sicily Burcham, Pierceburg, Illinois
Bethany—A J Coleman, Hunt, Illinois
Bethel—Ida McNelly, Iola, Illinois
Bethlehem—J M Moore, Helena, Illinois
Bethsadia—Eunice Jacobs, Eberle, Illinois
Bible Chapel—H D Henderson, Robinson, Illinois
Brockville—Geo Alexander, Hunt, Illinois
Christian Temple—Ellen Anderson, Flora, Illinois
Curtis Chapel—M F Robinson, Kibbie, Illinois
Fairview—Daisy Printz, Lis, Illinois
Forrest Ridge—Wm Rutherford, Wynoose, Illinois
Fox Prairie—W J Wheeler, Olney, Illinois
Freedom—Chas Guyott, Noble, Illinois
Glenwood—Nancy Maglone, Noble, Illinois
Grand Prairie—David Barron, Trimble, Illinois
Green Hill—Lucy Waters, Heathsville, Illinois
Hardinsville—Simon Mitchell, Hardinville, Illinois
Hidalgo—J C Carr, Hidalgo, Illinois.
Hunt City—Nancy Koons, Hunt, Illinois
Lamotte—Virgil Walker, Palestine, Illinois
Liberty—Bell Bates, Wynoose, Illinois
Lucas Creek—George Blair, Hord, Illinois
Mt. Gilead—O B Murray, Dundas, Illinois
Mt. Moriah—J A Rude, Moriah, Illinois
Mt. Olive—J R Williams, Casey, Illinois
Mt. Olive—Hermia Cramer, Palmersburg, Illinois
Mt. Zion—Nelson Tharp, Greenup, Illinois
Newton—Merty Vanderhoof, Newton, Illinois
Pleasant Grove—B F Price, Annapolis, Illinois
Pleasant Valley—J A Skaggs, Oblong, Illinois
Pleasant View————, Flagg, Illinois
Porterville—Celia Newlin, Eaton, Illinois
Sandy Creek—Nannie Jackson, Newton, Illinois
Shiloh—S D Brinson, Willowhill, Illinois
South Bend—M A Houser, Darkbend, Illinois
Sugar Creek—Carl Anderson, Olney, Illinois
Sugar Prairie—Wm Fuitz, Olney, Illinois
Sumner—Mary A Stoltz, Sumner, Illinois
Trimble—Peter King, Trimble, Illinois
Union Chapel————, Stoy, Illinois
Wabash—L Beard, Louisville, Illinois
Wheeler————, Wheeler, Illinois
Willow Prairie—Louis Ginley, Bellair, Illinois
Winterrowd—A R Tate, Winterrowd, Illinois

The New York State Association.

(Reported by Rev. E. Jones.)

Organized September 27, 1866, at Newark, New York. The Association embraces the territory of the following conferences: New York Eastern, New York Central, New York Southern, New York Northern, New York Western, and Tioga River.

OFFICERS.

President—Rev. J. B. Weston, D.D., Stanfordville, New York.
First Vice-President—E. Merchant, Thurston, New York.
Second Vice-President—Rev. N. W. Crowell, North Rush, New York.
Secretary—Rev. Scott Thompson, Harford Mills, New York.
Treasurer—James S. Frost, Esq., Freehold, New York.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Mission—Rev. G. R. Hammond, Ph.D., Eddytown, New York.
Relief—Rev. J. W. Lawton, Manning, New York.
Educational—Rev. G. R. Hammond, Ph.D., Eddytown, New York.
Publishing—Rev. Scott Thompson, Harford Mills, New York.
Sunday School—Rev. E. Jones, North Pembroke, New York.

The Association meets bi-annually, and its executive board meets annually. Its organic place of business is Newark, New York. The Association has had the fostering care of the Biblical School at Stanfordville, New York, and has built or materially aided in building churches at Brooklyn, New York, Albany, St. Johnsville, Binghamton, and Erie, Pa., and materially aided in strengthening weak churches within the bounds of the Association. The Sunday-school department originated our Children's Day, and has accomplished a great work in building up the Sunday-school cause, and is now aiding in the support of a number of mission churches.

Illinois State Conference.

(Reported by Rev. Robert Harris.)

Organized at Atwood, Illinois, in October, 1883, by Rev. J. A. Clapp, J. L. Towner, G. W. Rippey, and Robert Harris.

Meets annually on Wednesday before the last Sunday in October. Place of meeting in 1897 is at Arthur, Illinois.

OFFICERS FOR 1896-'97.

President—Rev. Joel Myers, Leaf River, Illinois.
Secretary—Rev. W. M. Ealey, Urbana, Illinois.
Treasurer—Rev. J. M. Plunkett, Trimble, Illinois.
Trustees—Dr. Z. Allen, Newton, Illinois, November, 1899; M. H. Mitchell, Ellisville, Illinois, November, 1897; Thos. Crawshaw, Carbondale, Illinois, November, 1898.

SECRETARIES OF DEPARTMENTS.

Missions—Rev. Robert Pittman, Fiatt, Illinois.
Education—Rev. K. E. Miller, Atwood, Illinois.
Publication—Rev. G. A. Brown, Ashton, Illinois.
Sunday School—Rev. I. M. Hoel, Newton, Illinois.
Y. P. S. C. E.—Rev. G. D. Lawrence, Arthur, Ill.

REV. GEORGE ELMER HICKS, A.B., MACY, INDIANA,
Pastor Christian Church, Wakarusa, Indiana.
(Eel River Conference.)

Southern Christian Convention.

(Reported by Secretary Kernodle.)

This convention is composed of representatives from all the Christian Conferences of the Southern States. It was first organized under the name of the Southern Christian Association in the year 1847, which gave place to the Southern Christian Convention, organized in the year 1856, at Union Chapel, North Carolina. The first regular session of this new organization was held in 1858, at Cypress Chapel, Nansemond County, Virginia. At the meeting of the convention held at Mt. Auburn, in Warren County, North Carolina, the name of the body was changed to the General Convention of the Christian Church (South). This meeting was held in 1866, from which time the meetings were held quadrennially with a number of extraordinary sessions. At the regular session of the convention held in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1894, the revised edition of the Principles and Government, also Directory of Worship was ordered to be printed, and the name of the convention was again changed to the Southern Christian Convention, with its meetings now held biennially.

The next session will be held in May, 1898, at Raleigh, North Carolina.

OFFICERS.

President—Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D., Suffolk, Virginia.
Vice-President—Rev. J. W. Wellons, Durham, North Carolina.
Secretary—P. J. Kernodle, A.M., Suffolk, Virginia.
Assistant Secretary and Editor of the Christian Sun—E. L. Moffitt, A.M., Raleigh, North Carolina.
Treasurer—J. A. Mills, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Southern Christian Convention is represented in the American Christian Convention by delegates duly appointed, and unites with it in educational and missionary work, not through individual churches, but through the committees and officers of the convention.

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Western Illinois Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Ashby.)

The Western Illinois Conference was organized at Pilot Grove Christian Church, Hancock County, Illinois, October 2, 1857, by Elder John McMillen.

The Spoon River Conference was organized at Highland, Pike County, Illinois, May 21, 1840, by Elders David Roberts and John Scott.

On September 4, 1864, the two conferences were united into one conference, and have been known since as the Western Illinois Christian Conference, according to the record.

Next session, September 8, 1897, at Marietta, Illinois.

President—A. L. Wingate, Avon, Illinois.

Secretary—Rev. R. Ashby, Industry, Illinois.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Ashby, R, Industry, Illinois
Atchison, L B, Greenbush, Illinois
Bennett, E E, Clemons, Iowa
Covil, C, Buda, Illinois
Crawford, F E, Brownstown, Illinois
Crawford, Jacob, Mound, Illinois
Hayden, J J, Blairstown, Iowa
Irons, E W, Ellisville, Illinois
Irons, George W, Bernadotte, Illinois
James, C A, Lewistown, Illinois
Jones, John R, Canton, Illinois
Laird, S B, Fiatt, Illinois
Lee, John, Mound, Illinois
Like, H H, Woodhull, Illinois
McMillen, John, Winterset, Iowa
Pittman, R W, Fiatt, Illinois
Ray, D S, Marietta, Illinois
Sheesley, A, Lewistown, Illinois
Spalding, John, Jacksonville, Illinois
Welch, J R, Marietta, Illinois
Winans, B F, Edinburg, Illinois

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—John Shriver, Smithfield, Illinois
Bernadotte—
Christina—Anna Bolender, Lewistown, Illinois
Fiatt—A Morris, Fiatt, Illinois
Industry—John Kinkade, Industry, Illinois
Lewistown—A Sheesley, Lewistown, Illinois
Marietta—D S Ray, Marietta, Illinois
Mt. Pleasant—B F Bolen, Smithfield, Illinois
Olive—J M Hendricks, Avon, Illinois
Salem—H N Ross, Roseville, Illinois
Temple—C A Carlson, Tablegrove, Illinois
Waterford—George Johnson, Lewistown, Illinois

Ohio State Association.

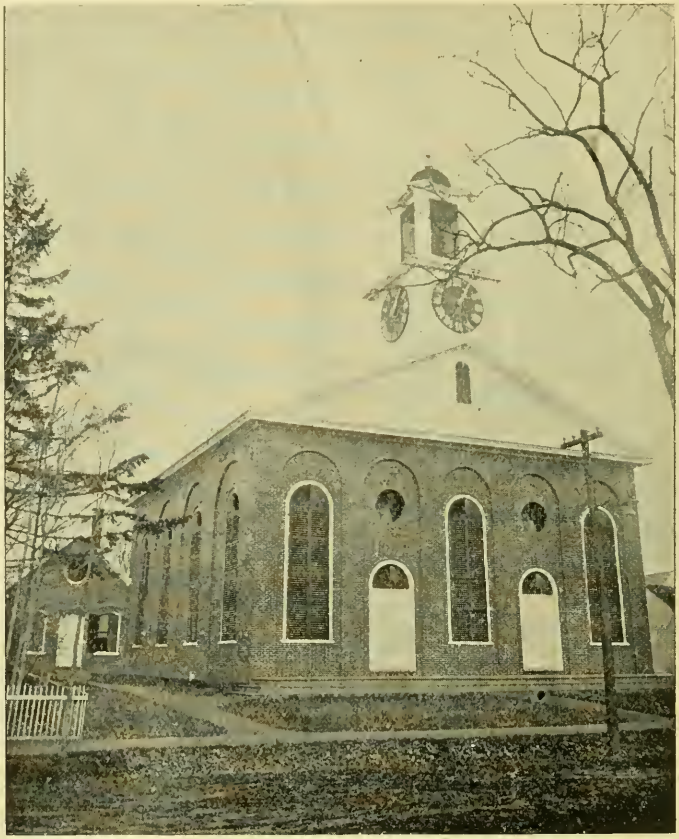
(Reported by President Harrod.)

Organized at Columbus, Ohio, May 23, 1866.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

President—Rev. Mills Harrod, Columbus, Ohio.
Vice-Presidents—Miami Conference, Rev. Byron R. Long, Columbus, Ohio; Northwestern Ohio, Rev. G. R. Mell, Spencerville, Ohio; Southern Ohio, Rev. S. D. Bennett, Plattsburg, Ohio; Eastern Ohio, Rev. Wm. J. Warrener, Federal, Ohio; Mount Vernon, Ohio, Rev. J. W. Wright, Willowbrook, Ohio; Central Ohio, Rev. S. A. Caris, Williamsport, Ohio.
Recording Secretary—Rev. G. R. Hammond, Eddytown, New York.
Department Secretaries—Finance, Rev. Albert Dunlap, Columbus, Ohio; Publication, Rev. J. G. Bishop, Dayton, Ohio; Missions, Rev. S. S. Newhouse, Piqua, Ohio; Education, Rev. H. Y. Rush, West Milton, Ohio.
Trustees—Rev. Enos Peters, Appleton, Ohio; Rev. T. M. McWhinney, Franklin, Ohio.
Secretary Christian Endeavor—Rev. O. W. Powers, Yellowsprings, Ohio.
Minister at Large—Rev. T. M. McWhinney, Franklin, Ohio.

The two trustees elected two years ago are Rev. A. Dunlap, and Rev. S. S. Newhouse.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VERMONT, (Vermont Conference), REV. M. T. MORRILL, Pastor.

Church organized 1806 by Elder Elias Smith. Corner-stone laid August 10, 1826, the edifice being dedicated January 18, 1827. This is Elder Hazen's monument. During 1896 $1,200 worth of improvements have been made. A town clock has been in the church since 1828. The building has solid brick walls, is heated by furnace, and lighted by gas. Auditorium seats 420, gallery, 100. Whole property valued at $18,000, is very nearly in the heart of the village.

Vermont Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Morrill.)

Next session at North Shrewsbury, beginning at 1 o'clock P.M., Thursday, September 9, 1897.

President—Rev. G. W. Morrow, Randolph, Vermont.

Secretary—Rev. M. T. Morrill, Woodstock, Vermont.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Davis, Orin, Calais, Vermont
Foster, Silas, Belvidere, Vermont
Matteson, Charles E, Worcester, Vermont
McDonald, John J, Lincoln, Vermont
Morrill, M T, Woodstock, Vermont
Morrow, G W, Randolph, Vermont
Sisco, H C, North Troy, Vermont
Wheeler, B F, Worcester, Vermont
Williams, A A, Lynn, Massachusetts

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Belvidere and Waterville—J H Fletcher, Belvidere, Vt
Calais—Mrs Mary L Fuller, Calais, Vermont
Jay—Truman Kellogg, Jay, Vermont
Lincoln—Mrs Josie L Morgan, Lincoln, Vermont
North Shrewsbury—Mrs J B Johnson, Shrewsbury, Vt
Randolph—H C Allen, Randolph, Vermont
Woodstock—Chas H English, Woodstock, Vermont

Wisconsin Northern Conference.

(Reported by President Stuart.)

Next session, second Friday in June, 1897.

President—Rev. Wm. Stuart, Sugarbush, Wisconsin.

Secretary—Sam'l Cotral, New London, Wisconsin.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Babbs, Wm, ———
Blood, G, Downing, Wisconsin
Deerholt, John, Reedsburg, Wisconsin
Dosson, N, Downing, Wisconsin
Fish, A, Osage, Iowa
Phelps, A C, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
Shumway, Wm, Reedsburg, Wisconsin
Stuart, Wm, Sugarbush, Wisconsin

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Exelsior—M Barr, Reedsburg, Wisconsin
Greenbush—C A Winn, Greenbush, Wisconsin
Maple Creek—L H Nichols, New London, Wisconsin
Muckwa—Sam'l Cotral, New London, Wisconsin
Wantana—I Ethredge, Wildrose, Wisconsin

Georgia and Alabama Conference.

This conference was organized in 1854, at New Hope Church, Chambers County, Alabama, by Rev. W. M. J. Elders.

Next session at Antioch Church, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897.

President—Rev. J. W. Elder, Opelika, Alabama.

Secretary—J. T. Clack, Happyland, Alabama.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Davis, W D, Daviston, Alabama
Dollar, C M, Rockmills, Alabama
Elder, H W, Phoenix, Alabama
Elder, J D, Milltown, Alabama
Elder, J W, Opelika, Alabama
Elder, T H, Milltown, Alabama
Fletcher, W D, Jirard, Alabama
Horn, D G, Jirard, Alabama
Hughes, J H, Milltown, Alabama
Hurst, G D, Zana, Alabama
Hurst, G M, Redapple, Alabama
Hurst, W G, Redapple, Alabama
Knight, W R, Peavy, Alabama
Malone, C G, Malone, Alabama
Neese, J L, Buckeye, Alabama
Orr, J B, Mt. Calm, Texas
Smith, Jubilee, Richland, Georgia
Swann, C W, Buckeye, Alabama
Vichers, J M, Emuchfaw, Alabama

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—W J Payne, Peavy, Alabama
Bethany—Brother Pitts, Rockmills, Alabama
Bethlehem—W M Patridge, Westpoint, Georgia
Beulah—Charles Bailey, Truett, Alabama
Christiana—J W Vines, Tehopka, Alabama
Christian Home—W W Richardson, Cowpens, Alabama
Corinth—C G Malone, Malone, Alabama
Forest Home—J L Smith, Rockmills, Alabama
Liberty—W A Fletcher, Jirard, Alabama
Longdale—W L Osborn, Longdale, Alabama
Macedonia—C W Swann, Buckeye, Alabama
McGuires—W J Vickers, Daviston, Alabama
Mt. Zion—S N Sledge, Roanoke, Alabama
New Harmony—G L Orr, Abner, Alabama
New Home—W T Collier, Delta, Alabama
New Hope—T Smith, Milltown, Alabama
Phoenix City—J F Hill, Jr., Columbus, Georgia
Pleasant Grove—J R Orr, Marcoot, Alabama
Red Hill—E A Abbell, Richland, Georgia
Rock Spring—H H Owens, Cornhouse, Alabama
Union Grove—H O Wallace, Stroud, Alabama

Western Washington Conference.

(Reported by President Fry.)

Conference organized by Rev. H. Fry, May 26, 1894, at Ocosta, Washington.

President—Rev. H. Fry, Montesano, Washington.

Secretary—A. W. Fry, Markham, Washington.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Fry, H, Montesano, Washington
Hines, R, Vesta, Washington
Hutton, F D, Montesano, Washington
Lynn, Allen, Wynooche, Washington
Lynn, A W, Artic, Washington
Manners, J A, Artic, Washington
Stone, T, Melbourne, Washington

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Artic—Allen Lynn, Wynooche, Washington
Bitter Creek—Mrs Geo Garrison, Montesano, Wash
Brooklyn—Emma Roberts, Brooklyn, Washington
Elma, No. 19—N. Huling, Elma, Washington
Johns River—J L Phillips, Markham, Washington
Melbourne—S Goss, Melbourne, Washington
Satsop—Sarah Twidwell, Satsop, Washington
Vesta—Charley Roberts, Vesta, Washington

Central Indiana Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Coy.)

This conference was organized in 1824, at Old Father Steinbarger's barn, in Bartholomew County, Indiana.

Next session will meet at Old Union Church, in Bartholomew County, Indiana, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1897.

President—Rev. E. K. Pond, Clifford, Indiana.

Secretary—Rev. D. O. Coy, Taylorsville, Indiana.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Aynes, E, Bloomington, Indiana
Baker, P J, Lebanon, Indiana
Coy, D O, Taylorsville, Indiana
Cummings, J, Kurtz, Indiana
Downey, A S, Taylorsville, Indiana
Freeman, W, Edinburg, Indiana
Mace, F, Elizaville, Indiana
Pond, E K, Clifford, Indiana
Whittington, F L, Columbus, Indiana

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Blue River—H Heansley, Manilla, Indiana
Chestnut Ridge—James Pence, Chestnut, Indiana
Clifford—Amasa Pearce, Clifford, Indiana
Crooked Creek—C Eddy, Peter Cooper, Indiana
Mt. Olivet—Annie Womple, Spencer, Indiana
Mt. Zion—J Tipton, Pikespeak, Indiana
New Bethel—J Taylor, Cleona, Indiana
Old Union—Mary Pence, Taylorsville, Indiana
Pleasant Ridge—F L Prow, Mooney, Indiana
Raintown—J B Graham, Lizton, Indiana
Story—G Greathouse, Story, Indiana
Taylorsville—Minnie Hampton, Taylorsville, Indiana
Young Creek—W Dragoo, Franklin, Indiana

New England Convention.

(Reported by President Conibear.)

New England has an individuality of its own, and it is only natural that our churches in these states should get together, giving us the New England Christian Convention. In this body there is a blending of three organizations, the Convention itself, the Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Christian Educational Society. These separate parts of the whole indicate the work of the Convention. The Convention itself being an annual gathering for mutual counsel and inspiration, the Missionary Society being a factor for strengthening and extending the cause, and the Educational Society to assist the cause of education chiefly in the direction of the ministry. In connection with the Convention there are various departments, such as the Sunday-school, Y. P. S. C. E., Woman's Missionary Board, etc. Under the direction of the Convention, the Christian Endeavorers are supporting one of our missionaries in Japan. The officers of the Convention are also the officers of the Missionary Society and Educational Society. Present officers are:

President—Rev. G. A. Conibear, Freetown, Mass.

Vice-President—Rev. W. J. Reynolds, New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary—Rev. A. H. Morrill, D.D., Haverhill, Mass.

Treasurer—J. R. Dunham, Providence, R. I.

Secretary of Sunday-School Department—Rev. M. T. Morrill, Woodstock, Vt.

C. E. Secretary—Miss Mary Rowell, Franklin, N.H.

President of Woman's Missionary Board—Mrs. Ridlon, North Hampton, N. H.

The place of the next meeting is not yet decided.

Rays Hill (Pa.) Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Boor.)

Next session at Mt. Zion Church, Pennsylvania Wednesday before the last Sunday in August, 1897.

President—Wesley Bennett, Flintstone, Maryland.

Secretary—M. M. Boor, Lashley, Pennsylvania.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Cooper, B A, Chaneysville, Pennsylvania
Garland, A R, Purcell, Pennsylvania
Garland, W C, Buffalo Mills, Pennsylvania
May, A W, Purcell, Pennsylvania
Thompson, C C, Chaneysville, Pennsylvania
Troutman, J W, Flintstone, Maryland

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Bethel—J N Robinson, Purcell, Pennsylvania
Buck Valley—Miss Loretta Lehman, Lashley, Pa
Fairview—E Miller, Purcell, Pennsylvania
Greenfield—James Morse, Pineycreek, Pennsylvania
Hyndman—R Somerville, Hyndman, Pennsylvania
Jerusalem—John Martin, Locustgrove, Pennsylvania
Kennels Mills—J W Pfeiffer, Kennels Mills, Pa
Milligans Cove—W B Zembower, Buffalo Mills, Pa
Mt. Hope—Samuel Johnston, Elbinsville, Pa
Mt. Zion—J D Collins, Elbinsville, Pennsylvania
Pleasant Grove—George F Smith, Needmore, Pa
Prosperity—Wesley Bennett, Flintstone, Maryland
Sideling Hill—Wm C Mann, Saluvia, Pennsylvania
Whips Cove—Nathan Mellott, Locustgrove, Pa

Western North Carolina Conference.

Organized 1864. Next session at Pleasant Ridge Church on Wednesday after second Sunday in November, 1897, at 10 o'clock A M.

President—Rev. P. H. Fleming, Graham, N. C.

Secretary—Rev. P. T. Way, Moffitt, North Carolina.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Albright, H A, Moffitt, North Carolina
Baldwin, M A, Franklinville, North Carolina
Boone, C A, Elon College, North Carolina
Coner, J R, Spencer, North Carolina
Cox, L I, Elon College, North Carolina
Cooper, A J, Staley, North Carolina
Fleming, P H, Graham, North Carolina
Hammer, M E, Tillman, North Carolina
Hatch, J W, Pittsboro, North Carolina
Hayes, W N, Erect, North Carolina
Jarrell, E H, Randleman, North Carolina
Julian, W R, Millboro, North Carolina
Kerns, B F, Moffitt, North Carolina
Lawrence, J S, Erect, North Carolina
Lawrence, W W, Erect, North Carolina
Moffitt, H T, Moffitt, North Carolina
Newman, J U, Elon College, North Carolina
Parker, J W, Randleman, North Carolina
Patton, J W, Liberty, North Carolina
Peel, C C, Hawriver, North Carolina
Scott, J A, Linville, Virginia
Stinson, D R, Ashboro, North Carolina
Way, P T, Moffitt, North Carolina
Way, S H, Forkcreek, North Carolina
Webster, J A, Franklinville, North Carolina

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch (Chatham Co.)—Louie Oldham, Goldston, North Carolina
Antioch (Randolph Co.)—W W Brady, Cheeks, N C
Asheboro—T J Moffitt, Ashboro, North Carolina
Bigoak—R L Williamson, Bigoak, North Carolina
Brown's Chapel—W L Brewer, Spencer, N C
Burlington—I N Walker, Burlington, North Carolina
Center Grove—T J Bland, Rosewood, North Carolina
Christian Union—Wm Cagle, Whynot, North Carolina
Clover Orchard—A J Marshburn, Holman, N C
Egypt—W M Gunter, Egypt, North Carolina
Graces Chapel—J H Phillips, Jonesboro, N C
Graham—J D Kernodle, Graham, North Carolina
Hanks Chapel—A Hatch, Pittsboro, North Carolina
Highpoint—W H Gurby, Highpoint, North Carolina
Keyser—John Campbell, Keyser, North Carolina
Liberty—T A Moffitt, Ramseur, North Carolina
Macedonia—
Mt. Union—
New Center—E E McNeil, Whynot, North Carolina
New Providence—J M Turner, Graham, N C
Parks Cross Roads—R W York, Kildee, N C
Patterson's Grove—J A Ellison, Franklinville, N C
Phillips Chapel—A R Phillips, Ollie, North Carolina
Pleasant Cross—J A Henson, Central Falls, N C
Pleasant Grove—A L Brady, Cheeks, North Carolina
Pleasant Hill—S T Pike, Mudlick, North Carolina
Pleasant Ridge—E W Brown, Ramseur, N C
Pleasant Union—
Poplar Branch—Jordur Parrish, Jonesboro, N C
Ramseur—J A Parks, Ramseur, North Carolina
Shady Grove—Hiram Freeman, Martins Mill, N C
Shiloh—B S Moffitt, Moffitt, North Carolina
Smithwood—J M Way, Oakdale, North Carolina
Spoon's Chapel—G H Kinney, Ashboro, N C
St. Johns—A E Hinshaw, Randleman, North Carolina
Union Grove—E L Brown, Woodford, North Carolina
Winder—
Zion—R J Foust, Bryant, North Carolina

Southern Pennsylvania Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Williams.)

The Southern Pennsylvania Christian Conference was organized at Cedar Grove, Fulton County, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1883. H. P. Williams, M. L. Sipes, and A. K. Bottenfield were appointed a committee to draft a constitution for the government of the conference. Rev. Joseph Barney and Rev. J. R. Logue were the principal ministers in charge.

Next session at Rays Cove, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1897, at 2 P.M.

President—Sansom Mearkle, Emerson, Pa.

Secretary—H. P. Williams, Mattie, Pennsylvania.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Barney, Jos, Clearville, Pennsylvania
Barney, J H, Clearville, Pennsylvania
Foor, S W S, Rays Hill, Pennsylvania
Logue, J R, Pineridge, Pennsylvania
Sipes, M L, Emmaville, Pennsylvania

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—Monroe Lynch, Covalt Pennsylvania
B. O. Ridge—Denton Peck, Covalt, Pennsylvania
Cedar Grove—Ira Mellott, Sideling Hill, Pennsylvania
Clear Creek—J S Bussard, Everett, Pennsylvania
Cypher—James Dotson, Cypher, Pennsylvania
Gapsville—S Winch, Gapsville, Pennsylvania
Jerusalem—Moses Diehl, Locustgrove, Pennsylvania
Mt. Union—Simon Bussard, Mench, Pennsylvania
North Point—C Foor, Northpoint, Pennsylvania
Pine Grove—D Jay, Robinsonville, Pennsylvania
Pleasant Union—B Mearkle, Pineridge, Pennsylvania
Rays Cove—S J H Foor, Rays Hill, Pennsylvania
Rock Hill—H F Mearkle, Mattie, Pennsylvania
Tonoloway—I Barney, Buck Valley, Pennsylvania
Union Memorial—P Clark, Mench, Pennsylvania

Oklahoma Conference.

President—Rev. F. M. Thomas, Elba, Oklahoma.

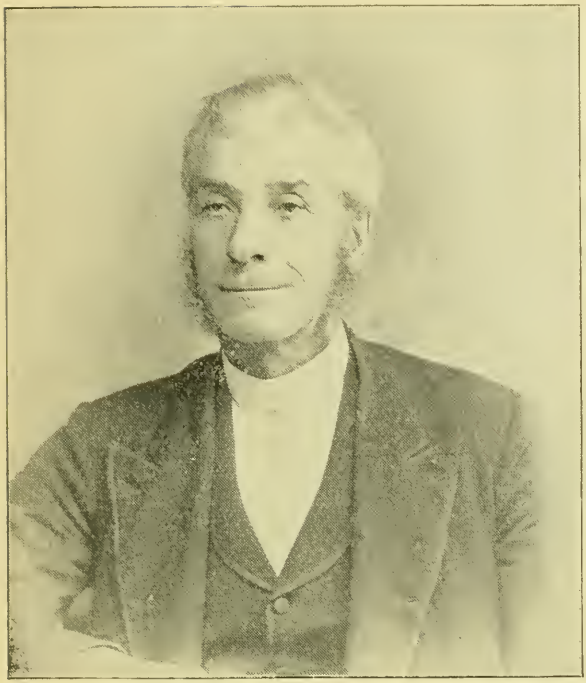
Secretary—Rev. W. P. Hosteller, Floyd, Oklahoma.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Cooke, H, Harvey, Oklahoma
Funderburg, P, Floyd, Oklahoma
Geller, J, Floyd, Oklahoma
Hosteller, W P, Floyd, Oklahoma
Jenkins, S, Mulhall, Oklahoma
Shepherd, W J, Purcell, Ind. Ter.
Thomas, F M, Elba, Oklahoma
White, J T, Floyd, Oklahoma

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Plainview—Dona Morris, Mulhall, Oklahoma
Pleasant Grove—Nelia Broyler, Floyd, Oklahoma
Union—Mrs Snyder, Perry, Oklahoma
Walnut Creek—



REV. JOSEPH BARNEY was born in Bedford Co., Pa., June 19, 1831. From childhood he had a reverence for the Bible, and felt that some time he would preach the blessed truths it contained. At the age of 16 he joined church, consecrating his life to his Master.

He now felt a desire to enter college, but could not leave his aged parents. Still the Lord kept calling him to preach until he threw aside his fears and, in 1855, announced that he would preach on Christmas night in the house in which he was teaching. Four years later he was ordained at Rock Hill, N. Y., and began a work that has resulted in the organization of ten churches, six hundred baptisms, and over twelve hundred conversions.

His ambitions are the same they were when he entered upon his work, just forty-one years ago; and he feels that although he has traversed life's pathway until he has almost reached the goal, still there is work for him to do. This work he does meekly, patiently, rejoicing in the fact that the Lord thinks him worthy the trust. The results he leaves with God, knowing the seed sown will be well cared for until that great day when he awakes in his likeness.

REV. JOSEPH BARNEY, CLEARVILLE, PENN. (Southern Pennsylvania Conference.)

Ohio Eastern Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Gregory.)

This conference was organized August 8, 1839, at the Christian Church at Comly, Ohio.

Next session at the Salem Christian Church, Meigs County, Ohio, commencing at 2 P M. Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1897.

President—Rev. H. B. Briley, Carbon Hill, Ohio.

Secretary—W. B. Gregory, Pointrock, Ohio.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Adams, A A, Jacksonville, Ohio
Angel, J A, Bidwell, Ohio
Arthur, W H, Gallipolis, Ohio
Bennett, Braerly, Jacksonville, Ohio
Bennett, Newman, Jacksonville, Ohio
Briley, Chas, Carbon Hill, Ohio
Briley, H B, Carbon Hill, Ohio
Cardwell, W W, Chestnutgrove, Ohio
Cook, Thos, Haydenville, Ohio
Drake, Asa, Waterloo, Ohio
Essex, O L Starr, Ohio
Grover, H A, Eno, Ohio
Jenkins, Wm, Ray, Ohio
Lewis, Samuel, Joy, Ohio
Long, G L, Chestnutgrove, Ohio
Massie, James B, Okey, Ohio
Myers, J W, Sandfork, Ohio
Nelson, Wm, Dexter, Ohio
Phillips, Wm, Yarico, Ohio
Rose, R C, Bidwell, Ohio
Selby, Ralph, Jacksonville, Ohio
Simmons, L E, Wilkesville, Ohio
Smith, J V, Pinegrove, Ohio
Swabb, Marcus
Warrener, W J, Federal, Ohio

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—A Wilcox, Chestnutgrove, Ohio
Bulaville—T L Hern, Bulaville, Ohio
Carbon Hill—Geo Donaldson, Carbon Hill, Ohio
Champaign—
Coes Chapel—A A Devol, Carbon Hill, Ohio
Columbia—J L Mark, Pointrock, Ohio
Cooks Chapel—Daniel Sherrard, Haydenville, Ohio
Dixons Run—J A Mungan, Keystone, Ohio
East Gallipolis—Mary E Jacobs, Gallipolis, Ohio
Elizabeth—H Plymale, Thivener, Ohio
Fairview—J W Myers, Sandfork, Ohio
Graham Chapel—F C Riley, Judson, Ohio
Jacksonville—A A Adams, Jacksonville, Ohio
Kittanning—Sarah Essex, Starr, Ohio
Langsville—Frank Braley, Langsville, Ohio
Liberty Chapel—Joshua Lewis, Clemma, Ohio
Little Kyzer—R H Christie, Cheshire, Ohio
Macedonia—R A Lewis, Hilton, Ohio
Monroe—Mary Drake, Comly, Ohio
Morgan—A M Grover, Pinegrove, Ohio
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Okey—C A Wiseman, Okey, Ohio
Pleasant Valley—W Smith, Stewart, Ohio
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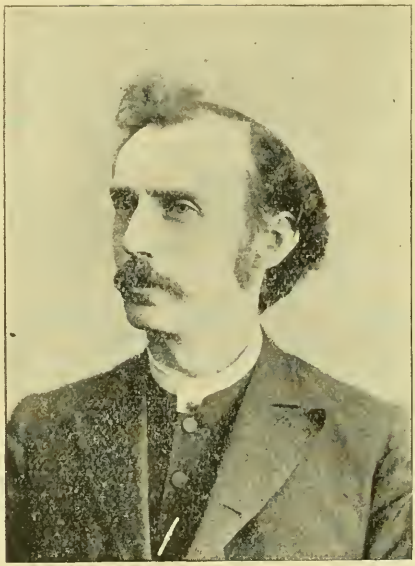

REV. T. S. WEEKS, (Rhode Island and Massachusetts Conference), SWANSEA CENTER, MASS.

REV. THOMAS SMITH WEEKS was born in the town of Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y., July 6, 1854. He is the eldest son of Benj. F. and Nancy Weeks. He was educated in the schools of Middletown, N. Y., which was his home until he entered upon the work of the ministry. He was converted at the early age of 13, and united with the First Presbyterian Church. Soon after the establishment of the Free Christian Church of that town he became interested in our principles, and joined it by letter in 1874. He was licensed to preach the same year. Upon his twentieth birthday he had entered upon the study of law, and was admitted to practice in all the courts of New York State September 10, 1877. He spent one year in the Biblical Institute at Stanfordville (1879-80), and then entered upon his work as a minister, being first employed as missionary by the N. E. Home and Foreign Missionary Society. He was ordained by vote of the N. Y. Eastern Christian Conference June 5, 1881, at Middletown, Rev. H. L. Hastings preaching the sermon, Rev. C. M. Winchester and Rev. S. M. Cook sharing in the service. As pastor, he has served the churches at Augusta, Newport, and Skowhegan, Maine; Westerly, R. I.; Wolfboro, N. H., and Middle St., New Bedford, and Swansea, Mass., his present pastorate. May 16, 1883, he was married to Miss Carrie E. Jaquith, of Clinton, Maine, by Rev. B. P. Reed. Their home is made happy by the presence of two children, Edith A., 12 years old, and Thomas N., 1 year. Bro Weeks has been honored by his brethren with important positions, which he has filled with honor to the cause and credit to himself. He was president of the N. H. S. S. Association one year, president of the N. E. Convention and associated societies 4 years, while he is now president of the Mass. and R. I. Ministerial Association, and serving his tenth year as secretary of the Camp Meeting Association. Bro. Weeks is thoroughly loyal to the Christians, an able preacher, an earnest advocate of all moral reforms, a genial friend and a faithful pastor. ALVA H. MORRILL.

Rhode Island and Massachusetts Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Beebe.)

Next session in September, 1897. Place not determined.

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Coe, I H, New Bedford, Massachusetts
Conibear, G A, Freetown, Massachusetts
Faunce, Wm, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts
Flanders, W B, New Bedford, Massachusetts
Greenslit, G W, Danielson, Connecticut
Gustin, Ellen G, Attleboro, Massachusetts
Howard, Lester, Stanfordville, New York
Kennedy, G W, Moosup Valley, Rhode Island
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Luther, N, Rockland, Rhode Island
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McCrone, W H, South Portsmouth, Rhode Island
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Powell, D E, Providence, Rhode, Island
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Smith, C P, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Sweet, W O, Apponaug, Rhode Island
Tillinghast, C A, Stanfordville, New York
Weeks, T S, Swansea Center, Massachusetts.

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Acushnet—Lucy H W Ellis, Acushnet, Massachusetts
Dartmouth (Bakerville)—
Dartmouth (Hixville)—Mrs J F Mosher, Shawmut, Massachusetts
Dartmouth (Smith Mills)—Abbie A Tucker, No. Dartmouth, Massachusetts
Dighton (North)—Silas L Dean, Taunton, Mass
Dighton (West)—Nancy R Goff, West Dighton, Mass
Fallriver (Bogle St.)—Chas J Bauerle, Fallriver, Mass
Fallriver (First)—Edw A Thurston, Fallriver, Mass
Fallriver (North)—H H Simmons, Steepbrook, Mass
Foster Center—W I Stone, Foster Center, Mass
Freetown (Assonet)—B F Aiken, Freetown, Mass
Freetown (East)—Hannah J Harper, East Freetown, Massachusetts
Howard Valley—Mrs A J Burnham, Howard Valley, Massachusetts
Lynn—William Bartlett, Lynn, Massachusetts
Mansfield (West)—W A Cowley, West Mansfield, Mass
Mattapoisett—
Moosup Valley—J W Phillips, Moosup Valley, R I
New Bedford (Bonney St.)—E C Sherman, New Bedford, Massachusetts
New Bedford (Middle St.)—W P Tobey, New Bedford, Massachusetts
New Bedford (First)—
New Bedford (Spruce St.)—Sarah E Bowen, New Bedford, Massachusetts
New London—G Holmes, New London, Conn
Portsmouth (South)—E A Sisson, So. Portsmouth, Rhode Island
Providence (Broad St.)—H A Buffington, Providence, Rhode Island
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Westport (South)—James Smith, So. Westport, Mass

First Christian Church (Rhode Island and Massachusetts Conference), Swansea, Mass., Rev. T. S. Weeks, Pastor.

The First Christian Church of Swansea, Massachusetts, is doubtless the oldest organization in the denomination. It was first gathered in A. D. 1680. It was formally organized as the "Church of Christ in Swansea" in 1693. Thomas Barnes was chosen elder, and Isaac Mason was ordained deacon in the same year. In 1725 the church adopted the rules of the denomination known as Six Principle Baptists, but did not join their "Yearly Meeting" until 1803. After that date, for sixteen years the church was regularly in fellowship with that body.

In 1819 the church again became independent, returning to its original position of Christian liberty.

For the first fifty years of its history it was doubtless the only church on earth occupying that position of Christian freedom. Samson Mason, whose son Isaac, already named as the first deacon, whose son Joseph was the second pastor, and whose grandsons Job and Russell, were afterwards pastors of this flock, was one of the soldiers of Cromwell who left England for this country at the time of the restoration of the House of Stuart, and he brought with him that love of liberty which characterized his class. In 1811 Benjamin Taylor was invited to occupy the pulpit for a time, dividing the sabbath services with the pastor, Philip Slade, and about 1820, Mr. Taylor was chosen pastor. During his pastorate of ten years there were 133 additions to the church. He was succeeded by Richard Davis, and he by J. J. Thatcher, he by Isaiah Haley, and he by J. S. Thompson, who had two terms, the interval being filled by H. P. Guilford. Mr. Thompson was succeeded by Stephen Fellows, and he by the late B. F. Summerbell. S. K. Sweetman came next, and Geo. H. Allen, now of Steep Brook, succeeded him. Then began the long pastorate of Joseph Warren Osborne, which ended with his sudden decease on January 4, 1889.

The next pastor was Rev. Lester Howard, now of Stanfordville, New York. The present pastorate began October 1, 1894.

More than twenty ministers have gone forth from this church, and several neighboring churches have been organized by members from this body.

The first meeting-house was built soon after the date of organization. The second one was built in 1720, and the present structure, which has been since improved and repaired, was dedicated in 1833, and re-dedicated, after extensive improvements, in 1873.

Thos. S. Weeks.

BOGLE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Rhode Island and Massachusetts Conference), FALLRIVER, MASS., REV. M. W. BAKER, PH.D., Pastor.

Ontario (Canada) Conference.

(Reported by Rev. W. S. Cowle.)

President—Rev. C. H. Hainer, Stouffville, Ontario, Canada.
Secretary—Rev. W. P. Fletcher, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Chidley, W H, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
Clark, L, Paris, Ontario, Canada
Cowle, W S, Sandford, Ontario, Canada
Ferrier, John, Stanfordville, New York
Fletcher, W P, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada
Garbutt, T, Little Britain, Ontario, Canada
Gould, E J, Apsley, Ontario, Canada
Hainer, C H, Stouffville, Ontario, Canada
Inch, W H, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada
Morgan, W H, Lubec, Maine
Morton, F, Keswick, Ontario, Canada
Percy, W, Stouffville, Ontario, Canada
Perkins, G, Stanfordville, New York
Prosser, D, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
Prosser, James, Castleton, Ontario, Canada
Prosser, S, Castleton, Ontario, Canada
Prosser, W, Keswick, Ontario, Canada
Pryne, Jacob, Ballentrae, Ontario, Canada
Russ, J L, Grafton, Ontario. Canada
Shoults. J H, Harriston, Ontario, Canada.
Terry, W A, Eddystone, Ontario, Canada
Trull, W W, Orono, Ontario, Canada
Van Norman, D, Keswick, Ontario, Canada

REV. M. W. BAKER, Ph.D., (Rhode Island and Massachusetts Conference) Pastor Bogle Street Christian Church, FALLRIVER, MASS.

Van Norman, Van, Keswick, Ontario, Canada
Willoughby, J, Drayton, Ontario, Canada

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Altona—Abijah Jones, Altona, Ontario, Canada
Baldwin—Jas Anderson, Vatchell, Ontario, Canada
Bloomington—J H Ramer, Bloomington, Ontario, Can
Brougham—Robt Phillips, Brougham, Ontario, Can
Castleton—H Moore, Castleton, Ontario, Canada
Chandos—J Leak, Apsley, Ontario, Canada
Church Hill—W H Irvin, Ballantrae, Ontario, Canada
Cramahe Hill—R A Palmatier, Morganston, Ontario, Canada
Drayton—Mrs D Peacock, Drayton, Ontario, Canada
Eddystone—I M Eddy, Grafton, Ontario, Canada
Franklin—Geo Mainprize, Holt, Ontario, Canada
Keswick—S B Purdy, Keswick, Ontario, Canada
King—W C Bogart, Kettleby, Ontario, Canada
Little Britain—Louie Prior, Little Britain, Ontario, Can
Markham (Seventh)—G Sornberger, Unionville, Ontario, Canada
Markham Village—Ida Lumley, Markham, Ontario, Canada
Minto—J Howes, Harriston, Ontario, Canada
Mt. Carmel—W P Eddy, Castleton, Ontario, Canada
Newmarket—W R Traviss, Newmarket, Ontario, Can
Orono—N F Hall, Orono, Ontario, Can
Oshawa—E S Dearborn, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada
Ringwood—J Burkholder, Ringwood, Ontario, Canada
Scott—J B Lemon, Sandford, Ontario, Canada
Union Street—J Cowieson, Queensville, Ontario, Can

Southern Indiana and Illinois Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Defur.)

This conference was organized September 10, 1864, at New Liberty Church near Cynthiana, Indiana.

Next session at Christian Chapel, Bungan, Illinois, on Wednesday before the second Sunday of September, 1897.

President—D. A. Epperson, Haubstadt, Indiana.
Secretary—Rev. Clarence Defur, Stewartsville, Ind.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Bennett, A H, Flora, Illinois
Book, A C, Boyleston, Illinois
Brewer, P B, Hord, Illinois
Cox, I N, Texas City, Illinois
Damron, J N, Evansville, Indiana
Davis, Wilson, Boyleston, Illinois
Defur, Clarence, Stewartsville, Indiana
Ellis, R J, Boyleston, Illinois
Ewing, Wm, Famous, Illinois
Jones, Thomas, Boyleston, Illinois
Littell, J B, Cynthiana, Indiana
Moore, R E, Mt. Vernon, Indiana
Remole, Lewis, Calvinsburg, Kentucky
Remole, U G, Newhaven, Illinois
Shreve, A C, Ellery, Illinois
Wiggons, J D, Ball, Illinois

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Antioch—Ada Knowels, Owensville, Indiana
Arrington—Mary Palfrenon, Sims, Illinois
Bethsaida—J M Norris, Stewartsville, Indiana
Boyleston—J M Cable, Boyleston, Illinois
Burnt Prairie—Rachel Downen, Sumpter, Illinois
Christian Chapel—Charles Moore, Bungay, Illinois
Moores Chapel—G P Kincade, Mt. Vernon, Indiana
New Haven—R E Moore, Mt. Vernon, Indiana
New Liberty—Elmer Carter, Haubstadt, Indiana
Pleasant Hill—
Pleasant Union—Sarah Cromel, Famous, Illinois
Pleasant View—
Poplar—A W Hauser, Texas City, Illinois
Richland—E L Neaville, Boyleston, Illinois
Seminary—Rane Carter, Sumpter, Illinois
Union—Charles Voght, Evansville, Indiana

Nebraska Conference.

This conference was organized June 9, 1876, at Wayland, Polk County, Nebraska, by James Quillen, of Wayland.

Next session at Wayland in September, 1897.

President—Rev. J. F. McCoy, Ulysses, Nebraska.
Secretary—Myrtle Nebergall, Wayland, Nebraska.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Amos, J E, Gresham, Nebraska
Beardshear, H, Ponca, Nebraska
Blackman, J, Garrison, Nebraska
McCoy, J F, Ulysses, Nebraska

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Arborville—J Plessinger, Arborville, Nebraska
Garrison—Nellie Galliger, Garrison, Nebraska
Wayland—F F Clapp, Gresham, Nebraska

West Virginia Conference.

President—Rev. C. J. Wolford, Redcreek, W. Va.
Secretary—Anna B. Miller, ————, West Virginia.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Bonner, J H, Redcreek, West Virginia
Miller, N B, Dryfork, West Virginia
Ray, W, Hendricks, West Virginia
Riggleman, Simon, Moorefield, West Virginia
Smith, A C, Dryfork, West Virginia
Wolford, C J, Redcreek, West Virginia

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Flanagan Hill—A B Flanagan, Redcreek, W Va
Hopeville—
Oak Dale—
Richmount—William Mollow, Haman, West Virginia
Wolfords—C J Wolford, Redcreek, West Virginia

Southern Illinois Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Crawshaw.)

Organized 1834.

Next session at Christian Union Church, Mt. Carbon, Illinois, Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1897.

President—Rev. M. L. Fly, Progress, Illinois.

Secretary—Abraham Crawshaw, Carbondale, Ill.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Brewer, John, Carbondale, Illinois
Brooks, M C, Makanda, Illinois
Buckley, E. Murphysboro, Illinois
Childers, W C, Wolfcreek, Illinois
Crowder, N G, Bloomfield, Illinois
Davidson, T J, Alto Pass, Illinois
Doolin, G W, Murphysboro, Illinois
Fly, M L, Progress, Illinois
Fulgham, P O, Creal Springs, Illinois
Hale, W C, Makanda, Illinois
Hall, R D, Regent, Illinois
Hess, Perry, Carterville, Illinois
Hiller, G W, Makanda, Illinois
Lindsey, I, Grand Tower, Illinois
Lindsey, W R, Oakville, Illinois
Martin, W T, Regent, Illinois
McKinzie, G C, Boskydell, Illinois
Reed, W R, Wolfcreek, Illinois
Reynolds, M G, Murphysboro, Illinois
Underwood, Wm, Murphysboro, Illinois
Wilson, W A, Murphysboro, Illinois
Winchester, L E, Carbondale, Illinois

CHURCHES.

(Secretary did not give addresses of clerks.)

Christian Union
County Line
Drury
Ebenezer
Hickory Grove
Mt. Cana
Mt. Olive
Mt. Pleasant
New Fellowship
New Home
New Liberty
Oak Grove
Union
Union Hill

Virginia Central Conference.

Next session at Newport, Page County, Virginia, on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1897, at 10 A.M.

President—Rev. J. W. Dofflemyer, Elkton, Virginia.

Secretary—Rev. John Tamkin, Edith, Virginia.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Baugher, S P, Beldor, Virginia
Brown, George W, Grove Hill, Virginia
Davis, A P, Swiftrun, Virginia
Dofflemyer, J W, Elkton, Virginia
Isely, E T, Leaksville, Virginia
Powers, A G, Moorefield, West Virginia
Roach, Killis, Nortonsville, Virginia
Tamkin, John, Edith, Virginia

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Dryrun—A Munch, Seven Fountains, Virginia
East Liberty—A J Kite, Grove Hill, Virginia
Highpoint—Thomas Crawford, Swiftrun, Virginia
Joppa—W L McInturf, Edith, Virginia
Knights Chapel—Wm Knight, Stanardsville, Virginia
Leaksville—G W Rothgeb, Luray, Virginia
Mt. Lebanon—J F McCallister, Shenandoah, Va
Mt. Olivet—Z Marshall, Nortonsville, Virginia
Mt. Pleasant—C Dovel, Elkton, Virginia
Mt. Salem—J E Watkins, Beldor, Virginia
Mt. Union—N Shiflet, Nortonsville, Virginia
Newport—Wm Cornnell, Kountz, Virginia
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Southwestern Pennsylvania Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Swaney.)

This conference was organized November, 1895, at Haydentown, by Rev. H. L. Ball.

Next session will be held September, 1897, at Haydentown, Pennsylvania.

President—Rev. H. L. Ball, Ruble, Pennsylvania.

Secretary—Miss Laura Swaney, Haydentown, Pa.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Ball, H L, Ruble, Pennsylvania

CHUACHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

Haydentown—Laura Swaney, Haydentown, Pa
Murrays Grove—Elizabeth Murray, Ruble, Pa
Olyphant—Thomas Louis, Olyphant, Pennsylvania

Eastern Virginia Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Lawrence.)

Organized in 1818, at Holyneck, Virginia.

Next session at Bethlehem Church, Nansemond County, Virginia, November 2, 1897.

President—Rev. W. S. Long, Franklin, Virginia.

Secretary—T. J. Lawrence, South Quay, Virginia.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

Barrett, J P, Norfolk, Virginia
Barrett, J W, Windsor, Virginia
Butler, H H, Suffolk, Virginia
Butler, M W, Berkley, Virginia
Charnock, Roger, New Bedford, Massachusetts
Demorest, R H D, Boxelder, Virginia
Harrell, J W, Waverly, Virginia
Holland, R H, Holland, Virginia
Hurley, M L, Elon College, North Carolina
Jones, J H, Holland, Virginia
Kitchen, J T, Windsor, Virginia
Laine, W J, Suffolk, Virginia
Long, W S, Franklin, Virginia
Moore, H C, Charlottesville, Virginia
Newman, N G, Suffolk, Virginia
Staley, W W, Suffolk, Virginia

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

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Berea (Nansemond)—F M Arthur, Deanes, Virginia
Berea (Norfolk)—M W Hollowell, Greatbridge, Va
Berkley—D J Bowdar, Berkley, Virginia
Bethany—T J Lawrence, South Quay, Virginia
Bethlehem—J W Folk, Suffolk, Virginia
Burtons Grove—E S Barrett, Airfield, Virginia
Centerville—R M Ferguson, Disputanta, Virginia
Cypress Chapel—A L Harrell, Cypress Chapel, Va
Damascus—J R Corbett, Sunsbury, North Carolina
Eures—W M Sparkman, Eure, North Carolina
Franklin—L R Jones, Franklin, Virginia
Holland—R H Holland, Holland, Virginia
Holy Neck—Julius T Rawles, Boxelder, Virginia
Isle of Wight C H—R L Spivey, Isle of Wight C H, Va
Ivor—B H Laine, Ivor, Virginia
Johnsons Grove—J W Johnson, Vicksville, Virginia
Liberty Spring—F E Parker, Savage Crossing, Va
Mt. Carmel—R E Turner, Windsor, Virginia
Mt. Zion—G W Haughwout, Crittenden, Virginia
New Lebanon—O V Cockes, Sexton, Virginia
Norfolk—M J W White, Norfolk, Virginia
Oakland—A Lee Saunders, Windsor, Virginia
Providence—F L Portlock, Norfolk, Virginia
Spring Hill—C C Richardson, Waverly, Virginia
Suffolk—B F Cutchin, Suffolk, Virginia
Union (Surry)—C W Whitmore, Dendron, Virginia
Union (Southhampton)—J I Joyner, Isaac, Virginia
Waverly—T W Johnson, Waverly, Virginia
Windsor—F C Roberts, Windsor, Virginia

Ohio Conference.

(Reported by Secretary Daugherty.)

Next session at the Pleasant Valley Church No. 2, Scioto County, on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1897.

President—Rev. James Moody, Camba, Ohio.

Secretary—A. E. Daugherty, Mabee, Ohio.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

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Blake, G C, Antonis, Ohio
Coon, Charles, Samsonville, Ohio
Crayton, T A, Springer, Ohio
Cummins, J B, Sedan, Ohio
Dawson, Wm, Samsonville, Ohio
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Double, Jacob, Elmgrove, Ohio
Drake, E A, Chillicothe, Ohio
Eheheart, J S, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
Evans, F E, Chillicothe, Ohio
Herelds, D, Higby, Ohio
Heughs, S, Oakhill, Ohio
Holland Thomas, Sant, Ohio
Maddox, John, Wellston, Ohio
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Moody, James, Camba, Ohio
Nelson, N, Given, Ohio
Rice, T J, Glenroy, Ohio
Spence, J H, Wellston, Ohio
Spriggs, J E, Wellston, Ohio
Taylor, J B, Given, Ohio
Vitito, James, Coalton, Ohio
Webb, J M, Sedan, Ohio

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES.

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Antonis—Wm Willson, Antonis, Ohio
Columbia—
Dennison Chapel—D Herelds, Higby, Ohio
Dundas—Cyrus Shull, Dundas, Ohio
Edwin—George Leavering, Chapman, Ohio
Elmgrove—J Double, Elmgrove, Ohio
Fairview—Susan Sheckey, Leo, Ohio
Hamilton—H Canter, Mabee, Ohio
Happy Hope—Wm C Hayslett, Wellston, Ohio
Hiram Chapel—Minnie Riley, Duke, Ohio
Hopewell—J F Walton, South Bloomingville, Ohio
Hopewell—Wm Emmons, Coalton, Ohio
Jefferson—Richard Crabtree, Oakhill, Ohio
Lily Chapel—H McDonald, Given, Ohio
Macedonia—Dollie Carter, Sedan, Ohio
Meadow Run—Albert Chase, Waverly, Ohio
Monroe—C Coon, Samsonville, Ohio
Mt. Hernon—Samuel Martin, Jackson, Ohio
Pigeon Valley—T A Crayton, Springer, Ohio
Pleasant Hill—Effie Mathews, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
Pleasant Valley No. 1—Jonathan Canter, Diffin, Ohio
Pleasant Valley No. 2—F M Chaffin, Crabtree, Ohio
Rock Hill—R L Oiler, Jackson, Ohio
Sandy—D Herelds, Higby, Ohio
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St. Paul—Henry Ackley, Pikerun, Ohio
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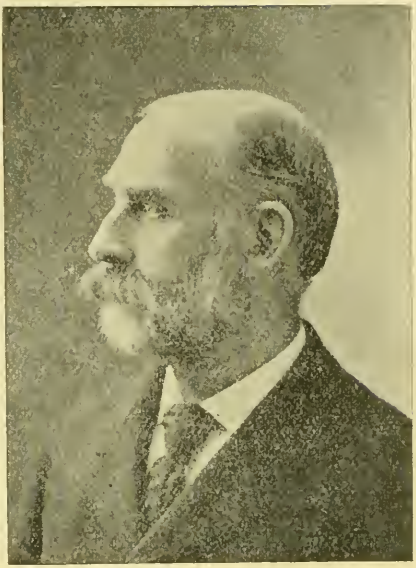

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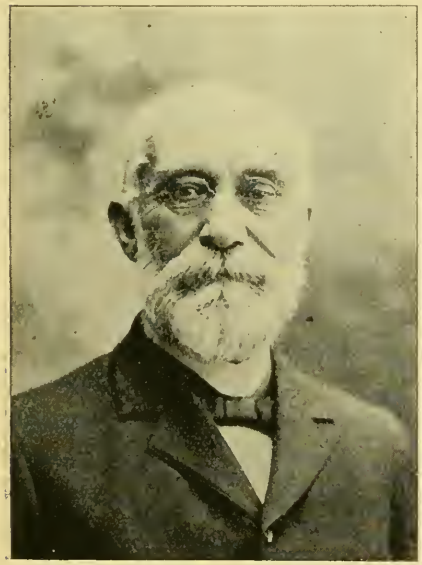

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The trustees, editors, and publishing agent are but the chosen servants of the body to perform its will, and their success in the management of their trust must be determined chiefly by the fidelity and coöperation of the constituency which they represent. The interests served and fostered are so essentially related to the aims and mission of the body that a wider field cannot be commanded except to a very limited extent. Its field is not the world, but only a very limited portion of it. The enterprise, therefore, justly appeals to the brotherhood as being *their own* and of right seeks the zealous personal aid of every minister and active lay member in the circulation of the periodicals published under its auspices. The indefatigable and wisely-directed efforts of the publisher and agent, Mr. B. M. Stoddard, to achieve creditable results in this direction are deserving of the largest possible degree of success and should be most heartily reenforced by the brotherhood at large. These efforts of the agent are as earnestly seconded by the editors, Drs. Summerbell and Watson, who are sparing no labor to make the papers they edit most serviceable to the denominational interests and appreciable to the largest portion of their readers.

It is gratifying to note the fact that notwithstanding the unprecedented financial depression of the last year throughout our country, a healthy growth has been realized in the subscription lists of these periodicals, and the Association has been able to increase its net earnings over the preceding year. But the success attained is little more than a *beginning* of what is possible and reasonable to expect if once the whole brotherhood were aroused to a persistent effort for the success of the Church in its own publishing enterprise and the circulations of its own periodical literature. What is needed is a general and strong coöperation of ministers and laymen with the agent in a determined and continuous effort to increase the circulation of the HERALD OF GOSPEL LIBERTY and the Sunday School literature among our people in every community, large or small, east, west, north, and south. This, and this only, is required to make possible the most gratifying success in the aims and purposes of the Publishing Association. It is evident that hitherto the Association has not had this positive and active support on the part of the many. Few, comparatively, have taken a lively interest in the matter of securing subscribers to the periodicals of the Church. This unanimous effort might easily double the circulation

of these papers in a short time and thus enlarge their usefulness, give them financial success, and make it possible to enhance their value without increasing their expense to the subscribers. *We appeal to the brotherhood everywhere to render this needed service to a cause, at once their own, and most vital to the success of the Church they love and serve.*

S. S. NEWHOUSE,
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What About 1897?

By Alva H. Morrill, D.D., President A. C. C., and Secretary C. P. A.

THOUGHT is awakened, attention is arrested somewhat, by the crossing of a year's limit. Why may not a church, a denomination pause a moment for reflection as to its condition, plans, and prospects, as well as the business man, or the individual?

Readers of the *Annual* are interested in the work and progress of the people in whose interest it is published. We may safely and modestly say concerning our people, that

(1) No denomination has a better *creed* than ours, for we take the Bible, God's message to men, as our creed.

(2) No denomination has a better *name*, for our name, Christian, honors the Son whom the Father wishes us to honor.

(3) No denomination is more scriptural in its fellowship, for *Christian character* is our only test of church membership, while we gladly welcome to the communion table every loyal follower of the Christ.

(4) No body of believers offers greater liberty in Christ than we, for we maintain the right, and grant he privilege of *individual judgment* in the interpretation of the Scriptures.

(5) We believe in *Christian Union*, and desire the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer, "that they may all be one."

For the promulgation of these principles our fathers gave their efforts and their lives. Possessed of this heritage, we must show our faith by our work.

Love of these principles should lead us to greater diligence and labor in 1897.

Here are a few suggestions:

(1) We should seek more of likeness and conformity to Christ in our individual experience.

(2) Greater faithfulness to our local church, in sustaining its services, advancing its interests, increasing its efficiency and membership.

(3) We should be more systematic and generous in giving of our substance for the advancement of the gospel at home, and for the support of the missionary and benevolent work of our denomination.

(4) Our collections for 1897, for all our general work, should be increased at least fifty per cent. over those of 1896. This is entirely feasible, considering the improved condition of business.

(5) We should keep our cardinal principles to the front, and, if possible, cultivate new fields in growing towns and cities, while using all proper efforts to strengthen and invigorate the churches already existing.

(6) We should be among the foremost in all work to promote the general welfare of the community in which we live, as well as the interests of our great nation, by activity in all movements for good citizenship, civic righteousness, and the overthrow of the awful traffic in intoxicating liquors.

In all these things, does not the Lord command us to "go forward?"

Christian Events.

By Rev. J. J. Summerbell, D.D.

4 B. C.—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born at Bethlehem, of Judea.

33 A. D.—The Crucifixion; (some place it four years earlier.)

325—So-called general council of the church at Nicaea adopts a creed. The creed is not accepted.

527—Justinian, the cruel tyrant, becomes emperor of the Roman Empire.

Edicts and persecutions against heretics. Bible and Bible Christians disappear (as to power) from civilization, especially the Roman Empire.

565—Justinian dies.

1793—At Manakin, North Carolina, among the Methodists, a conference openly adopts Bible principles of freedom, and takes the name "Christians."

1801—At the great Cane Ridge revival, converts refuse any creed but the Bible, any leader but Christ, any name but Christian, and make their fellowship that of Christian character.

1801—Elder Elias Smith wrote, "Elder Abner Jones, of Vermont, came to see me. He was the first Christian free man I had ever seen." Dr. Jones had already organized a Christian church at Lyndon, Vermont.

1802—Elder Wm. Kinkade took the Christian position.

1803—Elder Elias Smith organized a Christian church at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

1804—The Springfield Presbytery published its "last will and testament" and dissolved. It did this in order to follow the converts' movement of the Cane Ridge revival.

1805—Elder Elias Smith published a religious magazine. It died.

1807—Stone and Dooley baptized each other.

"The White Pilgrim" (Joseph Thomas), was converted. He dressed in white. He died at Johnsonburg, New Jersey, in 1835. At his grave there, Elder John Ellis wrote the song,—"I came to the spot where the White Pilgrim lay."

1808—The *Herald of Gospel Liberty* appeared; now the oldest religious newspaper. It was not merely a magazine, but a newspaper.

1815—A general meeting of preachers at Freetown, Massachusetts.

1820—October 23. A "general conference of Christian elders and brethren" assembled at Windham Connecticut. The brethren assembled seemed not to know of the western movement.

1821—First Christian church organized in Canada.

1831—*Christian Palladium* started by J. Badger.

1842—Sixteenth convention met at Stafford, New York. Eleven conferences were represented.

1844—*Christian Sun* started at Hillsborough, North Carolina.

1845—*Gospel Herald* started at Dublin, Ohio, by Elder I. N. Walter.

1846—Seventeenth convention met at Union Mills, New York.

1850—October 2. Convention met at Marion, New York, and started the movement for Antioch College. The Marion convention ordered equal privileges to both sexes, and that the college should be unsectarian. Afterward, Hon. Horace Mann was elected president. Among its early professors were Ira W. Allen, A.M., Thomas Holmes, D.D., Austin Craig, D.D., W. H. Doherty, A.M., and A. L. McKinney, A.M. Rev. J. B. Weston, D.D., now the president of the Christian Biblical Institute, was long connected with the college.

1854—The nineteenth convention met at Cincinnati and passed anti-slavery resolutions. The southern brethren withdrew from the convention.

1858—Isaac N. Walter died.

1859—Union Christian College was founded. N. Summerbell, D.D., was its first president. The school opened September 9, 1860.

1866—The twenty-second convention met at Marshal, Michigan, and originated the Biblical School.

1870—Convention met at Oshawa, Ontario. Union of the Christians and the Christian Union denomination was agitated.

1872—Number of communicants, 56,958. There were probably more.

1876—Home mission work begun organically. J. P. Watson, Secretary of Missions.

1879—Rev. George Young inaugurated the Franklinton, North Carolina, school. A mission for the colored people.

1882—First "Children's Day" for home missions.

1885—Executive Board of the General Convention authorized the Secretary, J. J. Summerbell, to gather the statistics of the denomination. This he did in 1886.

1886—Agitation of union between the Free Baptists and Christians. The Free Baptists finally pronounced against close union except with immersionists.

Convention at New Bedford, Massachusetts, placed general work on a systematic basis, and ordered the Secretary to be the "general agent" to make its plans effective.

Convention voted to begin foreign mission work. Japan was chosen as the field.

The membership of the Christian Publishing Association became practically the same as that of the General Convention, and thus the convention for the first time elected the editor of the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, Rev. C. J. Jones, D.D.

1890—Convention at Marion, Indiana. Southern brethren appear with purposes of union. Norfolk Memorial Church indorsed as a memorial of the restored union between the north and south.

1894—Convention at Haverhill, Massachusetts. Southern brethren act, voting fully as members.

1896—Number of communicants now, 120,000.

The Old Year and the New.

By Rev. Rosa Lee Stoddard.

We 're loth to lose thee, Old Year,
Thou who hast brought us many joys—
Joys that far o'ershadowed sorrows.
We hold thy hand, the parting is severe;
We fain would greet thee—hold thy hand—to-morrow.

And yet, thy work is done,
The Master calls thee hence
To join that company of years gone by.
We *cannot* hold thee, fare thee well.
'Tis but a tear, a passing sigh,
We give thee for old memory's sake—
good-by.

With eyes still dimmed by parting tears
We hail *thee*, New Year, bright and beautiful.
Oh, may we work that thou, of all the years,
Mayst bear to us more blessings bountiful.

We cannot censure *thee*, if otherwise we find it;
We can but censure self, because of tasks undone.
You will do well, as a wise God has planned it,
But we neglect our duties one by one.

O heavenly Father! help divine we plead,
That we may take this pure, unsullied year,
And in eternity yield back to thee
A full report of deeds of love sincere,
To prove we were not merely cumberers here.

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